

## S 4216

### KEEP Telehealth Options Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jul 20, 2020

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Jul 20, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/4216>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NE • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Jul 20, 2020
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Oct 20, 2020
Sen. Perdue, David [R-GA]	R · GA		Oct 20, 2020
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Oct 20, 2020
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Nov 10, 2020
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Nov 10, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 20, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7992	Related bill	Oct 6, 2020: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
116 HR 7233	Identical bill	Jun 18, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

## **Knowing the Efficiency and Efficacy of Permanent Telehealth Options Act of 2020 or the KEEP Telehealth Options Act of 2020**

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to report on the availability and effects of expanded telehealth services under Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

Among other information, HHS must detail its actions during the emergency to expand access to telehealth services and must analyze telehealth usage by certain demographic groups. The GAO must report on the efficiency and management of the telehealth expansion and related risks of fraudulent activity.

### **Actions Timeline**

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