

S 4375

Telehealth Modernization Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN]

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Sep 14, 2020
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Sep 14, 2020
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Sep 17, 2020
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Sep 24, 2020
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Oct 23, 2020
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Nov 18, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jul 30, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8727	Identical bill	Nov 5, 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.

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This bill modifies requirements relating to coverage of telehealth services under Medicare.

Specifically, the bill extends certain flexibilities that were initially authorized during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). Among other things, the bill allows (1) rural health clinics and federally qualified health centers to serve as the distant site (i.e., the location of the health care practitioner); (2) the home of a beneficiary to serve as the originating site (i.e., the location of the beneficiary) for all services (rather than for only certain services); and (3) all types of practitioners to furnish telehealth services, as determined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Actions Timeline

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