

S 4840

Ensuring Parity in MA for Audio-Only Telehealth Act of 2020

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Oct 21, 2020)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Roberts, Pat [R-KS]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		Oct 21, 2020
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Oct 21, 2020
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Oct 21, 2020
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Dec 3, 2020
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Dec 10, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Oct 21, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7659	Identical bill	Jul 16, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 allows audio-only diagnoses that are made via telehealth to be used for purposes of determining risk adjustments to payments under Medicare Advantage. Additionally, the bill requires payments for Medicare telehealth services that are furnished during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) to be made in the same amounts as those for in-person services.

Actions Timeline

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