

HR 4932

CONNECT for Health Act of 2019

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (68 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	R · OH		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]	R · AZ		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Oct 30, 2019
Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	R · MS		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Nov 13, 2019
Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Nov 13, 2019
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Nov 18, 2019
Rep. Bishop, Dan [R-NC-9]	R · NC		Dec 4, 2019
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Dec 6, 2019
Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Dec 11, 2019
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		Dec 11, 2019
Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Dec 11, 2019
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Jan 7, 2020
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Jan 9, 2020
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jan 29, 2020
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Jan 29, 2020
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Feb 14, 2020
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	D · CA		Feb 14, 2020
Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Kelly, Trent [R-MS-1]	R · MS		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Feb 25, 2020
Rep. Armstrong, Kelly [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		Feb 26, 2020
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Mar 4, 2020
Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	R · NC		Mar 11, 2020
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Mar 11, 2020
Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9]	R · VA		Mar 11, 2020
Rep. Cox, TJ [D-CA-21]	D · CA		May 5, 2020
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		May 5, 2020
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		May 5, 2020
Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	D · NH		May 5, 2020
Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		May 5, 2020
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		May 5, 2020
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		May 5, 2020
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		Jun 4, 2020
Rep. Brindisi, Anthony [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Jun 4, 2020

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Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Jun 4, 2020
Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Jun 4, 2020
Rep. Stanton, Greg [D-AZ-9]	D · AZ		Jun 4, 2020
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]	R · MN		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	D · CA		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jun 18, 2020
Rep. Allred, Colin Z. [D-TX-32]	D · TX		Jun 26, 2020
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jun 26, 2020
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Jun 26, 2020
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Jun 26, 2020
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jun 26, 2020
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		Jun 26, 2020
Rep. Horn, Kendra S. [D-OK-5]	D · OK		Jul 24, 2020
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Jul 24, 2020
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Aug 4, 2020
Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Aug 21, 2020
Rep. Shalala, Donna E. [D-FL-27]	D · FL		Aug 21, 2020
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Aug 21, 2020
Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	D · CA		Sep 22, 2020
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Sep 22, 2020
Rep. Tiffany, Thomas P. [R-WI-7]	R · WI		Sep 22, 2020
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Sep 29, 2020
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Oct 30, 2020
Rep. Stevens, Haley M. [D-MI-11]	D · MI		Oct 30, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 1, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 30, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 5201	Related bill	Dec 24, 2020: Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 580.
116 S 4796	Related bill	Oct 5, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
116 HR 8527	Related bill	Oct 2, 2020: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and Labor, the Judiciary, Oversight and Reform, House Administration, Rules, the Budget, and Armed Services, 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.
116 S 2741	Identical bill	Oct 30, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Oct 30, 2019)

Creating Opportunities Now for Necessary and Effective Care Technologies for Health Act of 2019 or the CONNECT for Health Act of 2019

This bill expands coverage of telehealth services under Medicare.

Among other things, the bill

- allows the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to waive certain restrictions, such as geographic restrictions, for services provided in high-need health professional shortage areas;
- excludes mental health and emergency medical services, as well as services provided at rural health clinics, federally qualified health centers, and Indian Health Service facilities, from such geographic restrictions; and
- allows the CMS to generally waive coverage restrictions during national emergencies.

Additionally, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission must report on information relating to the access of Medicare beneficiaries to telehealth services at home. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation may also test alternative payment models relating to expanded telehealth services.

Actions Timeline

- Nov 1, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- Oct 30, 2019: Introduced in House
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