

## HR 5473

### EASE Behavioral Health Services Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Dec 18, 2019

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Dec 19, 2019)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/5473>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (3 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Dec 18, 2019
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Dec 19, 2019
Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	R · FL		May 22, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 19, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 18, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 7992	Related bill	<b>Oct 6, 2020:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

### Summary (as of Dec 18, 2019)

#### Enhance Access to Support Essential Behavioral Health Services Act or the EASE Behavioral Health Services Act

This bill removes restrictions that require the originating site (i.e., the location of the beneficiary) to be in a rural area, and allows the home of a beneficiary to serve as the originating site, for behavioral health telehealth services under Medicare. The bill also expands the scope of required guidance, studies, and reports to address the provision of such services under Medicaid.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 19, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Dec 18, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 18, 2019:** 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.