

## HR 6538

Modernized Medicine Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Apr 17, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. (Apr 17, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6538>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Apr 17, 2020
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Apr 17, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 17, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6379	Related bill	<b>Mar 23, 2020:</b> Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on the Budget, and 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.

### Summary (as of Apr 17, 2020)

#### Modernized Medicine Act

This bill increases the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) for Medicaid telehealth services that are furnished during the public health emergency declared on January 31, 2020, relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). In order to receive the increased FMAP, state Medicaid programs must provide coverage that is consistent with Medicare coverage of telehealth services.

## Actions Timeline

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