

HR 6644

To require group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage to provide coverage for services furnished via telehealth if such services would be covered if furnished in-person during the COVID-19 emergency.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and Labor, 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. (Apr 28, 2020)

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Sponsor

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

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Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Oct 6, 2020

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Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Oct 9, 2020
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 28, 2020
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 28, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 28, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 8308	Related bill	Sep 17, 2020: Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
116 S 3741	Related bill	May 14, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Apr 28, 2020)

This bill requires private health insurance plans to cover certain services provided via telecommunications systems (i.e., telehealth) during the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency. Specifically, the telehealth services must be deemed medically necessary by a health care provider and covered under the plan if provided in person. Plans must apply the same cost-sharing and reimbursement amounts that would otherwise apply to such services and may waive cost-sharing requirements for any services to diagnose or treat COVID-19, including via telehealth.

Actions Timeline

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