

HR 6654

Emergency COVID Telehealth Response Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (32 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Balderson, Troy [R-OH-12]	R · OH		May 1, 2020
Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	R · AR		May 1, 2020
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		May 5, 2020
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		May 5, 2020
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		May 8, 2020
Rep. Beatty, Joyce [D-OH-3]	D · OH		May 8, 2020
Rep. Hagedorn, Jim [R-MN-1]	R · MN		May 8, 2020
Rep. Cox, TJ [D-CA-21]	D · CA		May 15, 2020
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		May 22, 2020
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		May 22, 2020
Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	R · WV		May 22, 2020
Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	D · MD		May 22, 2020
Rep. Wittman, Robert J. [R-VA-1]	R · VA		May 22, 2020
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		May 27, 2020
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Jun 4, 2020
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jun 4, 2020
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Jun 8, 2020
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Jun 15, 2020
Rep. Craig, Angie [D-MN-2]	D · MN		Jun 15, 2020
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Aug 22, 2020
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Sep 1, 2020
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Sep 8, 2020
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Sep 29, 2020
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Sep 29, 2020
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		Sep 29, 2020
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Sep 30, 2020
Rep. Shalala, Donna E. [D-FL-27]	D · FL		Sep 30, 2020
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Oct 1, 2020
Rep. Finkenauer, Abby [D-IA-1]	D · IA		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	D · FL		Oct 9, 2020
Rep. Houlahan, Chrissy [D-PA-6]	D · PA		Oct 20, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 1, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 1, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6634	Identical bill	Apr 28, 2020: 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.

Summary (as of May 1, 2020)

Emergency COVID Telehealth Response Act

This bill requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to allow, when exercising its waiver authority, the following providers to furnish telehealth services under Medicare during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019): physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, speech-language pathologists, clinical social workers, and audiologists. (Currently, the CMS is authorized to waive requirements for Medicare telehealth services during the public health emergency, and it has done so to allow all providers that are otherwise eligible to furnish in-person services under Medicare to also furnish telehealth services.)

Actions Timeline

- **May 1, 2020:** Introduced in House
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