

HR 6792

Improving Telehealth for Underserved Communities Act of 2020

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Current Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means

Latest Action: 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. (May 8, 2020)

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		May 8, 2020
Rep. Aderholt, Robert B. [R-AL-4]	R · AL		May 15, 2020
Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	D · AL		May 15, 2020
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		May 22, 2020
Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		May 22, 2020
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Rep. Walorski, Jackie [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Jun 11, 2020
Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		Jun 11, 2020
Rep. Schrader, Kurt [D-OR-5]	D · OR		Jul 21, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 8, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 8, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill establishes a particular Medicare payment methodology for telehealth services furnished by federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). Specifically, the bill requires payments to be made in accordance with the same methodology that is used for non-telehealth services, rather than in accordance with a separate methodology determined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Actions Timeline

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