

## HR 6855

### Facilitating Virtual Visitation for Nursing Home Residents Act of 2020

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (May 13, 2020)

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## Sponsor

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

## Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 13, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6800	Related bill	Jul 23, 2020: Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-517.
116 HR 6379	Related bill	Mar 23, 2020: 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.

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This bill provides statutory authority for certain requirements with respect to the rights of residents in Medicare skilled nursing facilities (SNFs). Specifically, the bill requires SNFs to provide residents with reasonable access to a telephone and the internet and to inform residents of such access and of any policy changes regarding external visitors.

Additionally, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services must issue guidance to help SNFs ensure that residents have access to televisitation during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

### **Actions Timeline**

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