

## HR 7659

Ensuring Parity in MA for Audio-Only Telehealth Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jul 16, 2020

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. (Jul 16, 2020)

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### Sponsor

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

## Cosponsors (35 total)

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Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Jul 16, 2020
Rep. Brindisi, Anthony [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Jul 16, 2020
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Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Dec 7, 2020
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Rep. Roe, David P. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Dec 7, 2020
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Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Dec 15, 2020
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 16, 2020
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jul 16, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4840	Identical bill	Oct 21, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Jul 16, 2020)

Ensuring Parity in MA for Audio-Only Telehealth Act of 2020

This bill allows audio-only diagnoses that are made via telehealth to be used for purposes of determining risk adjustments to payments under Medicare Advantage. Additionally, the bill requires payments for Medicare telehealth services that are furnished during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) to be made in the same amounts as those for in-person services.

Actions Timeline

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