

HR 7879

VA Telehealth Expansion Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Sep 30, 2020)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (19 total)

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Rep. Torres Small, Xochitl [D-NM-2]	D · NM		Jul 30, 2020
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Sep 23, 2020
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Sep 23, 2020
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Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Sep 30, 2020
Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	R · SD		Sep 30, 2020
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Sep 30, 2020
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Sep 30, 2020
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		Sep 30, 2020
Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	D · FL		Nov 17, 2020
Rep. Riggleman, Denver [R-VA-5]	R · VA		Nov 17, 2020
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Nov 19, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 30, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 30, 2020)

VA Telehealth Expansion Act

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to award grants to entities for the expansion of telehealth capabilities and provision of telehealth services to veterans through the VA and the Veterans Community Care Program. The VA must give preference to entities that represent veterans in rural or highly rural areas or entities that operate in a medically underserved community.

An entity seeking to establish a telehealth access point for veterans without grant funding is authorized to enter into an agreement with the VA to establish such access point.

The VA must assess and report on the barriers veterans face in accessing telehealth services.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 30, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 10, 2020:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 30, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.