

## S 1309

### HEAT Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Apr 22, 2021

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S2

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S2170) (Apr 22, 2021)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** ME • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 22, 2021
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Apr 22, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 22, 2021
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Feb 7, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 22, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 3371	Identical bill	May 21, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Home Health Emergency Access to Telehealth Act or the HEAT Act**

This bill provides for Medicare coverage of home health services that are furnished via telehealth during a public health emergency, in accordance with specified requirements.

Specifically, the bill allows telehealth services to substitute for in-person home health services and to be considered as home health visits for purposes of payment under Medicare during a public health emergency. Such services (1) may not constitute more than 50% of the number of billable visits in a 30-day period, (2) must be furnished under a plan of care established by a practitioner with whom the beneficiary has an existing care relationship, and (3) must be furnished in accordance with the beneficiary's consent.

### **Actions Timeline**

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