

S 1309

HEAT Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Health

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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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