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Ensuring Parity in MA for Audio-Only Telehealth Act of 2021

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Feb 2, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Feb 2, 2021
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Mar 23, 2021
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		May 13, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 13, 2021
Sen. Casey, Robert P., Jr. [D-PA]	D · PA		May 19, 2021
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Jun 7, 2021
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Jun 22, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jul 19, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Sep 27, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 2, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2166	Related bill	Mar 24, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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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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