

## S 1512

CONNECT for Health Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]

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

**Cosponsors** (64 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO]	D · CO		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Blunt, Roy [R-MO]	R · MO		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Carper, Thomas R. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]	R · AR		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]	R · MT		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA]	R · IA		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Graham, Lindsey [R-SC]	R · SC		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND]	R · ND		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]	R · MS		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Inhofe, James M. [R-OK]	R · OK		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Kaine, Tim [D-VA]	D · VA		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Kelly, Mark [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Lankford, James [R-OK]	R · OK		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Rubio, Marco [R-FL]	R · FL		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]	R · NE		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]	R · SC		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 29, 2021

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Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	R · SD		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA]	D · VA		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Whitehouse, Sheldon [D-RI]	D · RI		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Apr 29, 2021
Sen. Duckworth, Tammy [D-IL]	D · IL		May 11, 2021
Sen. Padilla, Alex [D-CA]	D · CA		May 11, 2021
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		May 11, 2021
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		May 11, 2021
Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE]	R · NE		May 18, 2021
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		May 18, 2021
Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Tuberville, Tommy [R-AL]	R · AL		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jun 15, 2021
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Jun 15, 2021
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Nov 30, 2021
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Nov 30, 2021
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Dec 6, 2022
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		Dec 6, 2022
Sen. Hickenlooper, John W. [D-CO]	D · CO		Dec 20, 2022

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 29, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 2903	Identical bill	<b>Apr 29, 2021:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## **Creating Opportunities Now for Necessary and Effective Care Technologies (CONNECT) for Health Act of 2021 or the CONNECT for Health Act of 2021**

This bill expands coverage of telehealth services under Medicare.

Among other provisions, the bill

- allows the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to waive certain restrictions, such as restrictions on the types of technology that may be used;
- permanently removes geographic restrictions on originating sites (i.e., the location of the beneficiary) and allows the home of the beneficiary to serve as the originating site for all services;
- permanently allows federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics to serve as the distant site (i.e., the location of the health care practitioner); and
- allows the CMS to generally waive coverage restrictions during any public health emergency.

Additionally, the CMS must report on the effects of expanded telehealth services during the COVID-19 public health emergency, including with respect to the utilization, quality, and outcomes of services. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation may also test alternative payment models relating to expanded telehealth services.

### **Actions Timeline**

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