

## HR 2228

### Rural Behavioral Health Access Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Mar 26, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 29, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2228>

## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]

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

## Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Balderson, Troy [R-OH-12]	R · OH		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Apr 15, 2021
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Apr 26, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Hinson, Ashley [R-IA-1]	R · IA		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Nov 1, 2021
Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	D · CA		Mar 31, 2022
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Apr 7, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 29, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 26, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 6202	Related bill	Dec 10, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## Rural Behavioral Health Access Act of 2021

This bill allows for Medicare payment of outpatient critical access hospital (CAH) services consisting of telehealth behavioral therapy, including (1) audio-only services, if an individual does not have access to technology with both audio and visual capabilities; and (2) services provided to an individual who has not received in-person care at the CAH, if there is a plan of care that includes an in-person visit not later than one year after telehealth services are provided.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 29, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 26, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 26, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 26, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.