

HR 2264

Tele-Mental Health Improvement Act

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)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]

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

Cosponsors (6 total)

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| Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1] | R · PA | | Mar 26, 2021 |
| Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3] | D · PA | | May 7, 2021 |
| Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7] | D · PA | | Jun 14, 2021 |
| Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7] | D · MD | | Sep 22, 2021 |
| Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4] | D · PA | | Dec 8, 2021 |
| Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3] | D · KS | | Jan 18, 2022 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Referred To | Mar 26, 2021 |
| 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 |
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| 117 S 660 | Related bill | Mar 10, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |

Tele-Mental Health Improvement Act

This bill requires private health insurance plans that cover in-person mental health or substance use disorder services to cover such services on equal terms via telehealth (i.e., information technology used to aid treatment and diagnosis at a physical distance) during and shortly after the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) public health emergency. Specifically, this bill requires plans to, among other things, cover these services at the same rate as in-person services, exclude charges for facility fees, and provide information about how to access these services. Additionally, providers of these services may not charge facility fees to plan enrollees.

Actions Timeline

- **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 Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and Labor, 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.

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