

HR 318

Safe Testing at Residence Telehealth Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jan 14, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-6]

Party: Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Jan 13, 2021
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jan 13, 2021
Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]	R · PA		Jan 25, 2022
Rep. Garbarino, Andrew R. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Mar 2, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 14, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 13, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill provides for Medicare payment of certain at-home diagnostic tests and telehealth assessments that are provided in relation to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

Specifically, during the public health emergency, the bill requires Medicare payment of diagnostic tests for respiratory conditions other than COVID-19 (e.g., influenza) that are used to finalize a COVID-19 diagnosis and of COVID-19 blood tests that are ordered via telehealth, as well as for related telehealth assessments, regardless of whether the practitioner who orders the test is the one who furnishes it and regardless of the location of the practitioner.

The bill requires practitioners to report specified demographic data with respect to such tests and services in order to receive payment, and prohibits payment for in-person tests that were already ordered via telehealth.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 14, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 13, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 13, 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.
- **Jan 13, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.