

HR 341

Ensuring Telehealth Expansion Act of 2021

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 2, 2021)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 2, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 15, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 5981	Related bill	Nov 15, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
117 S 2097	Related bill	Jun 17, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 S 1704	Related bill	May 19, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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This bill makes permanent several telehealth flexibilities that were initially authorized during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019), particularly with respect to Medicare coverage of telehealth services.

For example, the bill 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) for telehealth services under Medicare. Payment must be made in the same manner as for non-telehealth services, rather than in accordance with a separate methodology determined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The bill also permanently allows beneficiaries to receive Medicare telehealth services at any site, regardless of type or location, and grants the CMS general authority to waive any other requirements as it deems appropriate.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 15, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 15, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 15, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.