

HR 3447

Permanency for Audio-Only Telehealth Act

Congress: 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: May 20, 2021

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (May 21, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]

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

Cosponsors (4 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		May 20, 2021
Rep. Cawthorn, Madison [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Jun 15, 2021
Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Aug 24, 2021
Rep. Jackson, Ronny [R-TX-13]	R · TX		Mar 7, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 21, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 20, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 20, 2021)

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This bill expands coverage of telehealth services under Medicare. Specifically, the bill permanently removes geographic restrictions on originating sites (i.e., the location of the beneficiary). It also permanently expands coverage to include audio-only services for evaluation and management and behavioral health services; beneficiaries must have received in-person or video services during the preceding three-year period.

Actions Timeline

- **May 21, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 20, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **May 20, 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.