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Telehealth Modernization Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Scott, Tim [R-SC]

Party: Republican • **State:** SC • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (18 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. Marshall, Roger [R-KS]	R · KS		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Feb 23, 2021
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Mar 10, 2021
Sen. Sasse, Ben [R-NE]	R · NE		May 12, 2021
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		May 12, 2021
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		May 12, 2021
Sen. Warnock, Raphael G. [D-GA]	D · GA		May 12, 2021
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Jul 12, 2021
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		Jul 12, 2021
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Dec 17, 2021
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Dec 17, 2021
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Dec 17, 2021
Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY]	R · WY		Dec 17, 2021
Sen. Young, Todd [R-IN]	R · IN		Dec 17, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 23, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 6000	Related bill	Jan 4, 2022: Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
117 HR 1332	Related bill	Feb 26, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Feb 23, 2021)

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This bill modifies requirements relating to coverage of telehealth services under Medicare.

Specifically, the bill extends certain flexibilities that were initially authorized during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). Among other things, the bill allows (1) rural health clinics and federally qualified health centers to serve as the distant site (i.e., the location of the health care practitioner); (2) the home of a beneficiary to serve as the originating site (i.e., the location of the beneficiary) for all services (rather than for only certain services); and (3) all types of practitioners to furnish telehealth services, as determined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Actions Timeline

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