

## HR 4036

EASE Behavioral Health Services Act

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jun 22, 2021

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jun 22, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/4036>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Jun 22, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 22, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 22, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 2112	Identical bill	<b>Jun 17, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

### Summary (as of Jun 22, 2021)

#### Enhance Access to Support Essential Behavioral Health Services Act or the EASE Behavioral Health Services Act

This bill removes restrictions that require the originating site (i.e., the location of the beneficiary) to be in a rural area, and allows the home of a beneficiary to serve as the originating site, for behavioral health telehealth services under Medicare. The bill also expands the scope of required guidance, studies, and reports to address the provision of such services under Medicaid.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jun 22, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 22, 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.
- **Jun 22, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.