

## HR 4748

HEALTH Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jul 28, 2021

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jul 29, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/4748>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Cawthorn, Madison [R-NC-11]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Jul 28, 2021
Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Aug 24, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 29, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## **Helping Every American Link To Healthcare Act of 2021 or the HEALTH Act of 2021**

This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to continue allowing providers to use certain communication products when furnishing telehealth services after the COVID-19 emergency ends.

Generally, providers must use communication products that comply with applicable federal privacy and security standards; however, HHS issued a notification stating that it would not enforce penalties against providers who, in good faith, use noncompliant communication products during the COVID-19 emergency.

The bill requires HHS to revise applicable privacy and security regulations to allow providers to use noncompliant products for seven years after the COVID-19 emergency ends. HHS may elect to extend this period following a review of telehealth services furnished over those seven years.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 29, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jul 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 28, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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