

HR 5425

Protecting Rural Telehealth Access Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Sep 30, 2021)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]

Party: Democratic • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kind, Ron [D-WI-3]	D · WI		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]	R · NE		Sep 29, 2021
Rep. Herrera Beutler, Jaime [R-WA-3]	R · WA		Apr 7, 2022
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		May 27, 2022
Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Jul 12, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 30, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Sep 29, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1988	Related bill	Jun 9, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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This bill expands coverage of telehealth services under Medicare.

Specifically, the bill permanently (1) removes geographic restrictions on originating sites (i.e., the location of the beneficiary), (2) allows the home of the beneficiary to serve as the originating site for all services, (3) allows federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics to serve as the distant site (i.e., the location of the health care practitioner), and (4) expands coverage to include audio-only services for evaluation and management and behavioral health services.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 30, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Sep 29, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 29, 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.
- **Sep 29, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.