

HR 596

ACCESS Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors (52 total)

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Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Jan 28, 2021
Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	D · CT		Jan 28, 2021
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Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Feb 3, 2021
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Feb 8, 2021
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Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	D · CO		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	D · FL		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Krishnamoorthi, Raja [D-IL-8]	D · IL		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Feb 8, 2021
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Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Maloney, Sean Patrick [D-NY-18]	D · NY		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Feb 8, 2021

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Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Feb 8, 2021
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Feb 8, 2021
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Feb 18, 2021
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Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	D · VA		Feb 18, 2021
Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-39]	R · CA		Mar 12, 2021
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Apr 14, 2021
Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jul 29, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 28, 2021
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 28, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 2, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 28, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 57	Related bill	Jan 27, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Jan 28, 2021)

Advancing Connectivity during the Coronavirus to Ensure Support for Seniors Act or the ACCESS Act

This bill provides funding to increase access to telehealth services and virtual visits in skilled and other nursing facilities during the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) emergency. The bill designates the funding as emergency spending, which is exempt from discretionary spending limits.

Specifically, the bill provides additional funding for FY2021, to remain available through FY2022, to the Telehealth Resource Center Program to address barriers to telehealth faced by skilled and other nursing facilities. The Office for the Advancement of Telehealth within the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy in the Health Resources and Services Administration manages this program.

In addition, the bill provides funding for FY2021, to remain available through one month after the emergency period ends, to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for grants to nursing facilities to support virtual visits for residents during the COVID-19 emergency. HHS must develop relevant guidance for these grants within 15 days. HHS must also coordinate with the Federal Communications Commission to ensure grantees have access to telecommunications and broadband services.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 28, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and the Budget, 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.
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