

HR 727

Facilitating Virtual Visitation for Nursing Home Residents Act of 2021

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. (Feb 2, 2021)

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Sponsor

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

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 2, 2021
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Feb 2, 2021)

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This bill provides statutory authority for certain requirements with respect to the rights of residents in Medicare skilled nursing facilities (SNFs). Specifically, the bill requires SNFs to provide residents with reasonable access to a telephone and the internet and to inform residents of such access and of any policy changes regarding external visitors.

Additionally, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services must issue guidance to help SNFs ensure that residents have access to televisitation during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019).

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 2, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
- **Feb 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 2, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.