

HR 7876

Connecting Rural Telehealth to the Future Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

Introduced: May 24, 2022

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (May 24, 2022)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Armstrong, Kelly [R-ND-At Large]	R · ND		May 24, 2022
Rep. O'Halleran, Tom [D-AZ-1]	D · AZ		May 24, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	May 24, 2022
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 24, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of May 24, 2022)

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This bill modifies requirements relating to coverage of telehealth services under Medicare.

Specifically, the bill extends through 2024 certain flexibilities that were initially authorized during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19. Among other things, the bill allows (1) rural health clinics and federally qualified health centers to serve as the distant site (i.e., the location of the health care practitioner), (2) the home of a beneficiary to serve as the originating site (i.e., the location of the beneficiary) for all services (rather than for only certain services), and (3) other types of practitioners to furnish telehealth services.

Actions Timeline

- **May 24, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **May 24, 2022:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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.
- **May 24, 2022:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.