

## HR 8493

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove geographic requirements and expand originating sites for telehealth services.

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jul 26, 2022

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means

**Latest Action:** 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. (Jul 26, 2022)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/8493>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]

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

### Cosponsors (2 total)

| Cosponsor                      | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|--------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]    | R · OH        |      | Jul 26, 2022 |
| Rep. Steel, Michelle [R-CA-48] | R · CA        |      | Jul 26, 2022 |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                     | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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| Energy and Commerce Committee | House   | Referred To | Jul 26, 2022 |
| Ways and Means Committee      | House   | Referred To | Jul 26, 2022 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

### Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

### Summary (as of Jul 26, 2022)

This bill permanently allows any site to serve as an originating site (i.e., the location of the beneficiary) for purposes of Medicare telehealth services, including a beneficiary's home.

## **Actions Timeline**

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