

HR 8497

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove in-person requirements under Medicare for mental health services furnished through telehealth and telecommunications technology.

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)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]

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

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Jul 26, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4965	Identical bill	Sep 27, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Jul 26, 2022)

This bill permanently removes in-person evaluation requirements for mental health telehealth services under Medicare.

Actions Timeline

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