

# HR 3440

Protecting Rural Telehealth Access Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** May 17, 2023

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Dec 17, 2024)

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## Sponsor

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Nunn, Zachary [R-IA-3]	R · IA		May 17, 2023
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		May 24, 2023
Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1]	R · KS		May 25, 2023
Rep. Gonzales, Tony [R-TX-23]	R · TX		Mar 29, 2024
Rep. Davis, Donald G. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Apr 23, 2024
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Aug 6, 2024

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 19, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 17, 2024

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 197	Related bill	<b>Dec 17, 2024:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
118 S 1636	Identical bill	<b>May 17, 2023:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Protecting Rural Telehealth Access Act

This bill expands coverage of telehealth services under Medicare.

Specifically, the bill permanently (1) removes geographic restrictions on originating sites (i.e., the location of the beneficiary), (2) allows the home of the beneficiary to serve as the originating site for all services, (3) allows federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics to serve as the distant site (i.e., the location of the health care practitioner), and (4) expands coverage to include audio-only services for evaluation and management and behavioral health services.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 19, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 17, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **May 17, 2023:** 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.