



TELEMEDICINE/TELEHEALTH BILLS IN THE 114TH CONGRESS
(AS OF MAY 1, 2016)

The following information is from www.congress.gov searching on telemedicine and telehealth. To that list we have added some pertinent bills that use other terms and we have deleted bills relating only to annual federal agency funding and budgeting.

The bills vary in their significance for telemedicine or telehealth. We have indicated when there is a companion bill in the other chamber.

ENACTED THIS CONGRESS

S. 149 (see H.R. 160)

A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

Sponsor: Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT] (Introduced 01/13/2015)

Latest Action: 12/18/2015 Partially became part of Public Law No: 114-113.

H.R. 2

Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act

Sponsor: Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26] (Introduced 03/24/2015)

Latest Action: 04/16/2015 Became Public Law No: 114-10.

H.R. 160 (see S. 149)

To amend the Internal Revenue Code to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

Sponsor: Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3] (Introduced 01/06/2015)

Latest Action: 12/18/2015 Partially became part of Public Law No: 114-113.

PENDING IN CONGRESS (SENATE AND HOUSE, RESPECTIVELY)

S. 570 (see also H.R. 1055)

Comprehensive Dental Reform Act

Sponsor: Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT] (Introduced 02/25/2015)

Cosponsors: 4

S. 1101

MEDTECH Act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the regulation of patient records and certain decision support software.

Sponsor: Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO] (Introduced 04/27/2015)

Cosponsor: 1

S. 1203

21st Century Veterans Benefits Delivery Act

Sponsor: Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV] (Introduced 05/06/2015)

Cosponsors: 10

S. 1345 (see also H.R. 1726)

Access to Quality Diabetes Education Act

Sponsor: Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH] (Introduced 05/14/2015)

Cosponsors: 7

S. 1391 (see also H.R. 2480)

CCM-CARE Act to increase research, education, and treatment for cerebral cavernous malformations.

Sponsor: Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM] (Introduced 05/20/2015)

Cosponsor: 1

S. 1465 (see also H.R. 2799)

Furthering Access to Stroke Telemedicine (FAST) Act to amend Medicare to expand access to stroke telehealth services.

Sponsor: Sen Kirk, Mark Steven [R-IL] (introduced 5/22/2015)

Cosponsor: 1

S. 1549

Care Planning Act to provide for advanced illness care coordination services for Medicare beneficiaries.

Sponsor: Sen. Warner, Mark R. [D-VA] (Introduced 06/10/2015)

Cosponsors: 5

S. 1648

Rural Emergency Acute Care Hospital Act

Sponsor: Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA] (Introduced 06/23/2015)

Cosponsors: 4

S. 1676 (see also H.R. 4011)

DOCs for Veterans Act to increase the number of graduate medical education positions treating veterans, to improve the compensation of health care providers, medical directors, and directors of Veterans Integrated Service Networks of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Sen Tester, Jon [D-MT] (introduced 6/24/2015)

Cosponsors: 7

S. 1757

Accelerating Innovation in Medicine Act or AIM Act to promote health care technology innovation and access to medical devices and services for which patients choose to self-pay under Medicare.

Sponsor: Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH] (Introduced 07/14/2015)

Cosponsors: 5

S. 1778 (see also H.R. 3081)

TELE-MED Act to permit certain Medicare providers licensed in a State to provide telemedicine services to certain Medicare beneficiaries in a different State.

Sponsor: Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI] (Introduced 07/15/2015)

Cosponsor: 1

S. 1916 (see also H.R. 4111)

Rural Health Care Connectivity Act to include skilled nursing facilities as a type of health care provider under section 254(h) of the Communications Act of 1934.

Sponsor: Sen Thune, John [SD] (introduced 8/3/2015)

Cosponsors: 3

S. 1945

Mental Health Reform Act

Sponsor: Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA] (Introduced 08/05/2015)

Cosponsors: 15

S. 2170 (see H.R. 2516)

VETS Act to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans via telemedicine.

Sponsor: Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA] (Introduced 10/08/2015)

Cosponsors: 13

S. 2265

Rural Veterans Improvement Act

Sponsor: Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM] (Introduced 11/10/2015)

Cosponsor: 1

S. 2343 (see also H.R. 4155)

Telehealth Innovation and Improvement Act to require the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to test the effect of including telehealth services in Medicare health care delivery reform models.

Sponsor: Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO] (Introduced 12/02/2015)

Cosponsor: 1

S. 2388

Reciprocity Ensures Streamlined Use of Lifesaving Treatments Act to provide for reciprocal marketing approval of certain drugs, biological products, and devices that are authorized to be lawfully marketed abroad.

Sponsor: Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX] (Introduced 12/10/2015)

Cosponsor: 1

S. 2484 (see also H.R. 4442)

Creating Opportunities Now for Necessary and Effective Care Technologies (CONNECT) for Health Act to promote cost savings and quality care under the Medicare program through the use of telehealth and remote patient monitoring services.

Sponsor: Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI] (Introduced 02/02/2016)

Cosponsors: 6

S. 2590 (see also H.R. 4621)

Hallways to Health Act to improve access to, and the delivery of, children's health services through school-based health centers.

Sponsor: Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI] (Introduced 02/25/2016)

Cosponsor: 1

S. 2680

A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide comprehensive mental health reform.

Sponsor: Sen. Alexander, Lamar [R-TN] (Introduced 03/15/2016)

Cosponsors: 5

S. 2873

A bill to require studies and reports examining the use of, and opportunities to use, technology-enabled collaborative learning and capacity building models to improve programs of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Sponsor: Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT] (Introduced 04/28/2016)

Cosponsor: 1

H.R. 6

21st Century Cures Act

Sponsor: Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6] (Introduced 05/19/2015)

Cosponsors: 230

H.R. 691

To promote the provision of telehealth by establishing a Federal standard for telehealth.

Sponsor: Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6] (Introduced 02/03/2015)

Cosponsor: 2

H.R. 1055 (see also S. 570)

Comprehensive Dental Reform Act

Sponsor: Rep. Cummings, Elijah E. [D-MD-7] (Introduced 02/25/2015)

Cosponsors: 5

H.R. 1200

American Health Security Act to provide for health care for every American and to control the cost and enhance the quality of the health care system.

Sponsor: Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7] (Introduced 03/02/2015)

Cosponsor: 1

H.R. 1458

BACPAC Act to provide bundled payments for post-acute care services under parts A and B of Medicare.

Sponsor: Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1] (Introduced 03/19/2015)
Cosponsors: 3

H.R. 1726 (see also S. 1345)

Access to Quality Diabetes Education Act

Sponsor: Rep. Whitfield, Ed [R-KY-1] (Introduced 03/26/2015)
Cosponsors: 31

H.R. 2066

To promote and expand the application of telehealth under Medicare and other Federal health care programs.

Sponsor: Rep. Harper, Gregg [R-MS-3] (Introduced 04/28/2015)
Cosponsors: 6

H.R. 2366

To provide for improvement of field emergency medical services.

Sponsor: Rep. Bucshon, Larry [R-IN-8] (Introduced 05/15/2015)
Cosponsors: 18

H.R. 2396

SOFTWARE Act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the regulation of health software

Sponsor: Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7] (Introduced 05/18/2015)
Committees: House - Energy and Commerce
Cosponsor: 1

H.R. 2480 (see also S. 1391)

CCM-CARE Act to increase research, education, and treatment for cerebral cavernous malformations.

Sponsor: Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3] (Introduced 05/20/2015)
Cosponsors: 2

H.R. 2516 (see S. 2170)

VETS Act to improve the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans via telemedicine.

Sponsor: Rep Rangel, Charles B. [D-NY-13] (introduced 5/21/2015)
Cosponsors: 22

H.R. 2646

Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act

Sponsor: Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18] (Introduced 06/04/2015)
Cosponsors: 187

H.R. 2725

21st Century Care for Military and Veterans Act to expand the use of telehealth under the TRICARE program and in the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sponsor: Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52] (Introduced 06/10/2015)
Cosponsors: 5

H.R. 2799 (see also S. 1465)

Furthering Access to Stroke Telemedicine (FAST) Act to amend Medicare to expand access to stroke telehealth services.

Sponsor: Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9] (Introduced 06/17/2015)
Cosponsors: 89

H.R. 2948

Medicare Telehealth Parity Act

Sponsor: Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5] (introduced 7/7/2015)
Cosponsors: 49

H.R. 3081 (see also S. 1778)

TELE-MED Act to permit certain Medicare providers licensed in a State to provide telemedicine services to certain Medicare beneficiaries in a different State.

Sponsor: Rep. Nunes, Devin [R-CA-22] (Introduced 07/15/2015)
Cosponsors: 27

H.R. 3152

To amend the Rural Electrification Act to establish an Office of Rural Broadband Initiatives in the Department of Agriculture.

Sponsor: Rep. Nolan, Richard M. [D-MN-8] (Introduced 07/22/2015)
Cosponsor: 2

H.R. 3225

Save Rural Hospitals Act to provide for enhanced payments to rural health care providers under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

Sponsor: Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6] (Introduced 07/27/2015)
Cosponsor: 32

H.R. 4011 (see also S. 1676)

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Sponsor: Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7] (Introduced 11/16/2015)
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Sponsor: Rep. Lance, Leonard [R-NJ-7] (Introduced 11/19/2015)
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H.R. 4155 (see also S. 2343)

Telehealth Innovation and Improvement Act to require the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to test the effect of including telehealth services in Medicare health care delivery reform models.

Sponsor: Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6] (Introduced 12/02/2015)

H.R. 4435

Comprehensive Behavioral Health Reform and Recovery Act to improve access to mental health and substance use disorder prevention, treatment, crisis, and recovery services.

Sponsor: Rep. Green, Gene [TX-29] (introduced 2/2/2016)

Cosponsors: 12

H.R. 4442 (see also S. 2484)

Creating Opportunities Now for Necessary and Effective Care Technologies (CONNECT) for Health Act to promote cost savings and quality care under the Medicare program through the use of telehealth and remote patient monitoring services.

Sponsor: Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6] (Introduced 02/03/2016)

Cosponsors: 21

H.R. 4569

Extend Excellence in Mental Health Act

Sponsor: Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6] (Introduced 02/12/2016)

Committees: House - Energy and Commerce

Cosponsor: 1

H.R. 4621 (see also S. 2590)

Hallways to Health Act to improve access to, and the delivery of, children's health services through school-based health centers.

Sponsor: Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-24] (Introduced 02/25/2016)

Cosponsors: 6

H.R. 4878

Better Care, Lower Cost Act to establish a Medicare Better Care Program to provide integrated care for Medicare beneficiaries with chronic conditions.

Sponsor: Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3] (Introduced 03/23/2016)

Cosponsor: 1