



TELEMEDICINE/TELEHEALTH BILLS IN THE 115TH CONGRESS
(as of December 6, 2017)

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.

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SENATE PASSED

[S. 870](#)

CHRONIC Care Act to implement Medicare payment policies designed to improve management of chronic disease, streamline care coordination, and improve quality outcomes without adding to the deficit.

Sponsor: Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT] (Introduced 04/06/2017)

Cosponsors: 21

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSED

[H.R. 2123](#) (see also S. 925)

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

Sponsor: Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-5] (Introduced 04/25/2017)

Cosponsors: 26

[H.R. 3178](#)

To improve the delivery of home infusion therapy and dialysis and the application of the Stark rule under the Medicare program.

Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8] (Introduced 07/11/2017)

Cosponsors: 10

PENDING IN SENATE

[S. 19](#)

MOBILE NOW Act to provide opportunities for broadband investment.

Sponsor: Sen. Thune, John [R-SD] (Introduced 01/03/2017)

Cosponsor: 1

[S. 108](#) (see also H.R. 184)

Medical Device Access and Innovation Protection Act to repeal the excise tax on medical devices

Sponsor: Sen. Hatch, Orrin G. [R-UT] (Introduced 01/12/2017)

Cosponsors: 15

[S. 356](#) (see also H.R. 1027)

Hallways to Health Act to amend title XXI of the Social Security 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 02/13/2017)

Cosponsors: 4

[S. 431](#) (see also H.R. 1148)

Furthering Access to Stroke Telemedicine (FAST) Act to expand access to telehealth-eligible stroke services under the Medicare program.

Sponsor: Sen. Thune, John [R-SD] (Introduced 02/16/2017)

Cosponsors: 16

[S. 475](#) (see also H.R. 1255)

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

Sponsor: Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM] (Introduced 02/28/2017)

Cosponsor: 1

[S. 787](#)

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 03/30/2017)

Cosponsor: 2

[S. 925](#) (see also H.R. 2123)

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

Sponsor: Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA] (Introduced 04/25/2017)

Cosponsors: 11

[S. 1016](#) (see also H.R. 2556)

Creating Opportunities Now for Necessary and Effective Care Technologies (CONNECT) for Health Act to amend Medicare to expand access to telehealth services.

Sponsor: Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI] (Introduced 05/03/2017)

Cosponsors: 19

[S. 1377](#)

Reaching Underserved Rural Areas to Lead on Telehealth Act to remove the limitation on certain amounts for which large non-rural hospitals may be reimbursed under the Healthcare Connect Fund of the Federal Communications Commission.

Sponsor: Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS] (Introduced 06/19/2017)

Cosponsor: 1

[S. 1677](#) (see also S. 1678 and H.R. 3566)

To amend the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 to improve access to grants and loans for evidence-based substance use disorder treatment services in rural areas.

Sponsor: Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN] (Introduced 07/31/2017)

Cosponsors: 1

[S. 1678](#) (see also S. 1677 and H.R. 3566)

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to improve access to grants and loans for evidence-based substance use disorder treatment services in rural areas.

Sponsor: Sen. Donnelly, Joe [D-IN] (Introduced 07/31/2017)

Cosponsors: 1

[S. 1890](#)

Chronic Kidney Disease Improvement in Research and Treatment Act

Sponsor: Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD] (Introduced 09/28/2017)

Cosponsors: 2

[S. 1970](#) (see also H.R. 4094)

Medicare-X Choice Act

Sponsor: Sen. Bennet, Michael F. [D-CO] (Introduced 10/17/2017)

Cosponsors: 8

[S. 2168](#)

Caring for our Veterans Act including licensure of health care professionals of the Department of Veterans Affairs providing treatment via telemedicine

Sponsor: Sen. Gardner, Cory [R-CO] (Introduced 11/28/2017)

[S.Res. 242](#) (see also H. Res. 521)

A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate about a strategy to deploy fifth generation mobile networks (5G networks) and next-generation wireless and wired technologies to promote economic development and digital innovation throughout the United States.

Sponsor: Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS] (Introduced 08/02/2017)

Cosponsors: 5

PENDING IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

[H.R. 184](#) (see also S. 108)

Protect Medical Innovation Act to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

Sponsor: Rep. Paulsen, Erik [R-MN-3] (Introduced 01/03/2017)

Cosponsors: 260

[H.R. 766](#)

To establish a Medicare pilot program to expand telehealth options for individuals residing in public housing located in health professional shortage areas.

Sponsor: Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7] (Introduced 01/31/2017)

Cosponsor: 1

[H.R. 800](#)

New Deal Rural Broadband Act to establish the Office of Rural Broadband Initiatives within the Department of Agriculture and to preserve open Internet requirements.

Sponsor: Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2] (Introduced 02/01/2017)

Cosponsors: 19

[H.R. 1027](#) (see also S. 356)

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

Sponsor: Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3] (Introduced 02/13/2017)

Cosponsors: 12

[H.R. 1148](#) (see also S. 431)

Furthering Access to Stroke Telemedicine (FAST) Act to expand access to telehealth-eligible stroke services under the Medicare program.

Sponsor: Rep. Griffith, H. Morgan [R-VA-9] (Introduced 02/16/2017)

Cosponsors: 177

[H.R. 1152](#)

Care Veterans Deserve Act to eliminate the sunset date for the Veterans Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand eligibility for such program, and to extend certain operating hours for pharmacies and medical facilities of the Department, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8] (Introduced 02/16/2017)

Cosponsors: 2

[H.R. 1255](#) (see also S. 475)

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

Sponsor: Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3] (Introduced 02/28/2017)

Cosponsors: 2

[H.R. 1369](#)

Indian Healthcare Improvement Act

Sponsor: Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4] (Introduced 03/06/2017)

[H.R. 1995](#)

V-BID for Better Care Act to provide for national testing of a model of Medicare Advantage value-based insurance design to meet the needs of chronically ill Medicare Advantage enrollees.

Sponsor: Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6] (Introduced 04/06/2017)

Cosponsors: 4

[H.R. 2144](#)

To amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the appropriate, risk-based classification of device accessories based on their intended uses.

Sponsor: Rep. Walters, Mimi [R-CA-45] (Introduced 04/25/2017)

Cosponsors: 1

[H.R. 2291](#)

Helping Expand Access to Rural Telehealth (HEART) Act to expand the coverage of telehealth services under the Medicare program, to provide coverage for home-based monitoring for congestive heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease under such program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Duffy, Sean P. [R-WI-7] (Introduced 05/02/2017)

Cosponsor: 1

[H.R. 2337](#)

To provide for a State Medicaid option to enhance administrative matching funds to support statewide behavioral health access program activities for children under 21 years of age, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: Rep. Loeb sack, David [D-IA-2] (Introduced 05/03/2017)

Cosponsors: 6

[H.R. 2550](#)

Medicare Telehealth Parity Act to provide for an incremental expansion of telehealth coverage under Medicare.

Sponsor: Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5] (Introduced 05/19/2017)

Cosponsors: 22

[H.R. 2556](#) (see also S. 1016)

Creating Opportunities Now for Necessary and Effective Care Technologies (CONNECT) for Health Act to amend Medicare to expand access to telehealth services.

Sponsor: Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6] (Introduced 05/19/2017)

Cosponsors: 24

[H.R. 2644](#)

Chronic Kidney Disease Improvement in Research and Treatment Act to improve the understanding of, and promote access to treatment for, chronic kidney disease.

Sponsor: Rep. Marino, Tom [R-PA-10] (Introduced 05/24/2017)

Cosponsors: 21

[H.R. 3164](#)

To expand access to Medicare home dialysis therapy.

Sponsor: Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6] (Introduced 07/06/2017)

Cosponsors: 4

[H.R. 3168](#)

To provide continued access to specialized Medicare Advantage plans for special needs individuals.

Sponsor: Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12] (Introduced 07/06/2017)

Cosponsor: 1

[H.R. 3360](#)

Telehealth Enhancement Act to promote and expand the application of telehealth under Medicare and other Federal health care programs.

Sponsor: Rep. Harper, Gregg [R-MS-3] (Introduced 07/24/2017)

Cosponsors: 3

[H.R. 3415](#)

Megan Rondini Act to amend Medicare to ensure appropriate care for victims of sexual assault.

Sponsor: Rep. Poe, Ted [R-TX-2] (Introduced 07/26/2017)

Cosponsors: 9

[H.R. 3482](#)

Evidence-Based Telehealth Expansion Act to expand the use of telehealth under Medicare.

Sponsor: Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6] (Introduced 07/27/2017)

Cosponsors: 3

[H.R. 3566](#) (see also S. 1677 and 1678)

Addiction Recovery for Rural Communities Act to strengthen resources to combat the heroin and opioid epidemic in rural communities across America.

Sponsor: Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17] (Introduced 07/28/2017)

Cosponsors: 9

[H.R. 3727](#)

To include additional telehealth services for purposes of Medicare Advantage organization bids.

Sponsor: Rep. Black, Diane [R-TN-6] (Introduced 09/11/2017)

Cosponsors: 6

[H.R. 3867](#)

To create care management demonstration programs for chronic kidney disease under the Medicare program.

Sponsor: Rep. Mullin, Markwayne [R-OK-2] (Introduced 09/28/2017)

Cosponsors: 9

[H.R. 3922](#)

CHAMPION Act to extend funding for certain public health programs.

Sponsor: Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2] (Introduced 10/03/2017)

[H.R. 4094](#) (see also S. 1970)

Medicare-X Choice Act to establish a public health plan.

Sponsor: Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26] (Introduced 10/23/2017)

Cosponsors: (5)

[H.R. 4308](#)

Rural Broadband Expansion Act to provide for grants to finance broadband transmission in certain rural areas.

Sponsor: Rep. Lujan Grisham, Michelle [D-NM-1] (Introduced 11/08/2017)

Cosponsors: 1

[H.R. 4580](#)

To improve the Medicare accountable care organization (ACO) program.

Sponsor: Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large] (Introduced 12/06/2017)

Cosponsors: 1

[H.Res. 521](#) (see also S. Res. 242)

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives about a strategy to deploy fifth generation mobile networks (5G networks) and next-generation wireless and wired technologies to promote economic development and digital innovation throughout the United States.

Sponsor: Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5] (Introduced 09/14/2017)

Cosponsors: 2