

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7391

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove certain geographic and originating site restrictions on the furnishing of telehealth services under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 26, 2020

Ms. SHERRILL (for herself, Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma, and Mr. SCHRAMMER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Financial Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect Telehealth Ac-
5 cess Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. REMOVING CERTAIN GEOGRAPHIC AND ORIGI-**
2 **NATING SITE RESTRICTIONS ON THE FUR-**
3 **NISHING OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES UNDER**
4 **THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(m)(4)(C) of the So-
6 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(4)(C)) is amend-
7 ed—

8 (1) in clause (i), by striking “and only if” and
9 all that follows through the period at the end and
10 inserting a period; and

11 (2) in clause (ii)(X), by striking “, but only
12 for” and all that follows through the period at the
13 end and inserting a period.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 1834(m)
15 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)), as
16 amended by subsection (a), is further amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraph
18 (8)” and inserting “paragraph (6)”;

19 (2) in paragraph (2)—

20 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
21 “paragraph (8)” and inserting “paragraph
22 (6)”;

23 (B) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking
24 “paragraph (6)(C)” and inserting “paragraph
25 (5)(B)”;

26 (3) in paragraph (4)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
2 “paragraph (8)” and inserting “paragraph
3 (6)”;

4 (B) in subparagraph (C)(i), by striking
5 “paragraphs (5), (6), and (7)” and inserting
6 “paragraph (5)”;

7 (C) in subparagraph (F)(i), by striking
8 “paragraph (8)” and inserting “paragraph
9 (6)”;
10 (4) by striking paragraph (5);
11 (5) in paragraph (6)—

12 (A) by redesignating such paragraph as
13 paragraph (5);

14 (B) by striking subparagraph (A);

15 (C) by redesignating subparagraphs (B)
16 and (C) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respec-
17 tively; and

18 (D) in subparagraph (A), as so redesign-
19 ated, by striking “described in subparagraph
20 (A)” and inserting “furnished on or after Janu-
21 ary 1, 2019, for purposes of diagnosis, evalua-
22 tion, or treatment of symptoms of an acute
23 stroke, as determined by the Secretary”;

24 (6) by striking paragraph (7); and

- 1 (7) by redesignating paragraph (8) as para-
- 2 graph (6).

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