

*NOTE: The First Special Session of the 130th Maine State Legislature commences **April 28, 2021**.*

Telehealth Related Policies Proposed in State of Maine 130th Special Legislative Session

Public Hearing Schedule for 5/6/21- 10:00 AM, Cross Building, Room 220 -

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*(Please note full bill context is linked into LD numbers throughout the rest of the document) *Subject to change*

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH COVERAGE, INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Sen. Heather Sanborn, Senate Chair ; Rep. Denise Tepler, House Chair

(L.D. 323) "An Act Regarding Insurance Coverage for Telehealth Services" (HP0227) (Presented by Representative PERRY, A. of Calais) (Cosponsored by Representative TEPLER, D. of Topsham, Representative HYMANSON, P. of York)

(L.D. 333) "An Act Regarding Telehealth" (HP0237) (Presented by Representative HYMANSON, P. of York)

(L.D. 649) "An Act To Expand and Promote Telehealth Services" (SP0255) (Presented by Senator STEWART, T. of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Representative MORRIS, J. of Turner, Senator CLAXTON, N. of Androscoggin, Senator MOORE, M. of Washington, Representative WHITE, B. of Waterville)

(L.D. 791) "An Act Regarding Telehealth Regulations" (SP0050) (Presented by Senator SANBORN, H. of Cumberland) (Cosponsored by Representative TEPLER, D. of Topsham)

(L.D. 849) "An Act To Make Permanent the Telehealth Reimbursement Options Passed by Emergency Measures" (HP0617) (Presented by Representative MATHIESON, K. of Kittery) (Cosponsored by Senator BRENNER, S. of Cumberland, Representative GRAMLICH, L. of Old Orchard Beach, Representative BROOKS, H. of Lewiston, Representative SACHS, M. of Freeport)

(L.D. 863) "An Act To Have Maine Join the Interstate Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact To Improve Telehealth Options for Psychologists and Their Patients" (HP0631) (Presented by Representative TEPLER, D. of Topsham)

(L.D. 1007) "An Act To Increase Availability of Health Care through Telehealth" (HP0745) (Presented by Representative LIBBY, L. of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Senator STEWART, T. of Aroostook, Senator BRENNER, S. of Cumberland, Representative CRAVEN, M. of Lewiston, Representative MORRIS, J. of Turner, Representative MADIGAN, C. of Waterville, Representative STOVER, H. of Boothbay, Representative PERRY, A. of Calais, Representative ZAGER, S. of Portland, Representative WARREN, C. of Hallowell)

(L.D. 1194) "An Act To Reduce Health Care Worker Shortages" (HP0872) (Presented by Representative LIBBY, L. of Auburn) (Cosponsored by Senator CLAXTON, N. of Androscoggin, Representative WHITE, B. of Waterville, Representative EVANS, R. of Dover-Foxcroft, Representative PERRY, A. of Calais, Representative GEIGER, V. of Rockland)

(L.D. 1361) "An Act To Amend Telehealth Laws Regarding Out-of-state Telehealth Provisions" (SP0448) (Presented by Senator STEWART, T. of Aroostook) (Cosponsored by Senator TIMBERLAKE, J. of Androscoggin, Representative MORRIS, J. of Turner)

LD323- An Act Regarding Insurance Coverage for Telehealth Services

Referred to Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services on Feb 4, 2021.
Latest Committee Report: Not Reported Out

PUBLIC HEARING: Thursday, May 6, 2021, 10:00 AM, Cross Building, Room 220

LD333 An Act Regarding Telehealth

Referred to Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services on Feb 4, 2021.
Latest Committee Report: Not Reported Out

PUBLIC HEARING: Thursday, May 6, 2021, 10:00 AM, Cross Building, Room 220

LD849- An Act To Make Permanent the Telehealth Reimbursement Options Passed by Emergency Measures

Referred to Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services on Mar 10, 2021.
Latest Committee Report: Not Reported Out

PUBLIC HEARING: Thursday, May 6, 2021, 10:00 AM, Cross Building, Room 220

LD863 - An Act To Have Maine Join the Interstate Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact To Improve Telehealth Options for Psychologists and Their Patients (PSYPACT)

Referred to Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services on Mar 10, 2021.
Latest Committee Report: Not Reported Out

PUBLIC HEARING: Thursday, May 6, 2021, 10:00 AM, Cross Building, Room 220

LD1007- An Act To Increase Availability of Health Care through Telehealth

Referred to Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services on Mar 10, 2021.
Latest Committee Report: Not Reported Out

PUBLIC HEARING: Thursday, May 6, 2021, 10:00 AM, Cross Building, Room 220

LD649 – An Act to Expand and Promote Telehealth Services

Referred to Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services on Mar 1, 2021.
Latest Committee Report: Not Reported Out

PUBLIC HEARING: Thursday, May 6, 2021, 10:00 AM, Cross Building, Room 220

LD1361- An Act To Amend Telehealth Laws Regarding Out-of-state Telehealth Provisions

Referred to Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services on Apr 5, 2021.

Latest Committee Report: Not Reported Out

PUBLIC HEARING: Thursday, May 6, 2021 10:00 AM, Cross Building, Room 220

LD 1194- An Act To Reduce Health Care Worker Shortages

Referred to Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services on Mar 18, 2021.

Latest Committee Report: Not Reported Out

PUBLIC HEARING: Thursday, May 6, 2021, 10:00 AM, Cross Building, Room 220

LD 612 An Act To Recognize Occupational Licenses and Certifications from Other States To Attract New Residents and Businesses to Maine

Public Hearing(s): Tuesday, March 16, 2021 9:30 AM, Cross Building, Room 202 **20 submitted Testimony documents** (available at link above)

LD 933 - "An Act To Facilitate the Expansion of Broadband to Unserved Areas of the State"

3/10/2021 House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology suggested and ordered printed.

The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY.

Sent for concurrence. ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH.

3/10/2021 Senate The Bill was REFERRED to the Committee on ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY in concurrence

3/30/2021 House Carried over, in the same posture, to a subsequent special or regular session of the 130th Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 435

LD713 "An Act To Allow the Purchase of Health Insurance across State Lines"

Reference Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
Committee

Last House Action None

Last Senate Action 3/30/2021 - CARRIED OVER, in the same posture, to a subsequent special or regular session of the 130th Legislature, pursuant to Joint Order SP 435.

Referred to Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services on Mar 3, 2021.

Latest Committee Action: Reported Out, Apr 5, 2021, ONTP

Latest Committee Report: Apr 5, 2021, Ought Not To Pass

LD 1262- Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services To Develop a Comprehensive Statewide Strategic Plan To Serve Maine People with Behavioral Health Needs throughout Their Lifespans

Public Hearing(s): Monday, April 12, 2021 1:00 PM **23 submitted Testimony documents** (available at link above)

LD1484 An Act To Enhance the ConnectMaine Authority's Capacity To Provide World-class Internet

Referred to Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology on Apr 12, 2021.

Latest Committee Report: Not Reported Out

Telehealth Related Policies Proposed in U.S. 117th Congressional Session

H.R.318 Safe Testing at Residence Telehealth Act of 2021

Sponsor: [Rep. Schweikert, David \[R-AZ-6\]](#) (Introduced 01/13/2021) **Cosponsors:** (2) **Committees:** House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means **Latest Action:** House - 01/13/2021 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...

H.R.366 Protecting Access to Post-COVID–19 Telehealth Act of 2021

Sponsor: [Rep. Thompson, Mike \[D-CA-5\]](#) (Introduced 01/19/2021) **Cosponsors:** (19) **Committees:** House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means **Latest Action:** House - 02/02/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

H.R.341 Ensuring Telehealth Expansion Act of 2021

Ensuring Telehealth Expansion Act of 2021 **Sponsor:** [Rep. Williams, Roger \[R-TX-25\]](#) (Introduced 01/15/2021)

Cosponsors: (0) **Committees:** House - Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce **Latest Action:** House - 02/02/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

H.R.1332 ; S.368 Telehealth Modernization Act ***

Sponsor: [Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" \[R-GA-1\]](#) (Introduced 02/25/2021) **Cosponsors:** (16) **Committees:** House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means **Latest Action:** House - 02/26/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Sponsor: [Sen. Scott, Tim \[R-SC\]](#) (Introduced 02/23/2021) **Cosponsors:** (7) **Committees:** Senate - Finance **Latest Action:** Senate - 02/23/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

H.R.2228 To allow for payment of outpatient critical access hospital services furnished through telehealth under the Medicare program.

Sponsor: [Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. \[D-MI-5\]](#) (Introduced 03/26/2021) **Cosponsors:** (3) **Committees:** House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means **Latest Action:** House - 03/26/2021 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...

[H.R.1647](#) To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the use of telehealth for substance use disorder treatment and mental health services, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. McKinley, David B. \[R-WV-1\]](#) (Introduced 03/08/2021) **Cosponsors:** (4) **Committees:** House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Judiciary **Latest Action:** House - 03/08/2021 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of...

[H.R.2168](#) To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the scope of practitioners eligible for payment for telehealth services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

Sponsor: [Rep. Sherrill, Mikie \[D-NJ-11\]](#) (Introduced 03/23/2021) **Cosponsors:** (21) **Committees:** House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means **Latest Action:** House - 03/23/2021 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...

[S.620](#) KEEP Telehealth Options Act of 2021

Sponsor: [Sen. Fischer, Deb \[R-NE\]](#) (Introduced 03/09/2021) **Cosponsors:** (1) **Committees:** Senate - Finance **Latest Action:** Senate - 03/09/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

[S.150](#) Ensuring Parity in MA for Audio-Only Telehealth Act of 2021

Sponsor: [Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine \[D-NV\]](#) (Introduced 02/02/2021) **Cosponsors:** (3) **Committees:** Senate - Finance **Latest Action:** Senate - 02/02/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

[H.R.1580](#) To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit the use of certain psychological evaluation via telehealth for Medicare coverage of neurostimulation services for the treatment of chronic pain.

Sponsor: [Rep. Latta, Robert E. \[R-OH-5\]](#) (Introduced 03/03/2021) **Cosponsors:** (0) **Committees:** House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means **Latest Action:** House - 03/03/2021 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...

[H.R.2264](#) To require parity in the coverage of mental health and substance use disorder services provided to enrollees in private insurance plans, whether such services are provided in-person or through telehealth.

Sponsor: [Rep. Trone, David J. \[D-MD-6\]](#) (Introduced 03/26/2021) **Cosponsors:** ([1](#)) **Committees:** House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means; Education and Labor **Latest Action:** House - 03/26/2021 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the...

[H.R.1677](#) To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, and the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission to conduct studies and report to Congress on actions taken to expand access to telehealth services under the Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance programs during the COVID-19 emergency.

Sponsor: [Rep. Balderson, Troy \[R-OH-12\]](#) (Introduced 03/09/2021) **Cosponsors:** ([10](#)) **Committees:** House - Energy and Commerce; Ways and Means **Latest Action:** House - 03/09/2021 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...

And At least 15 others according to [a "telehealth" search on Congress.gov](#)