

Telehealth Bills Introduced in the 113th Congress

Bill	Lead Sponsors	Cosponsors	Summary	
House of Representatives				
1	H.R. 28, Working Families' Access to Healthcare Innovations Act of 2013 , introduced 1/3/2013	Rep. Nydia Velazquez (D-NY)	0	Allows the Small Business Administration to guarantee up to 90% of a loan made to a health care professional for the acquisition and instillation of health information technology.
2	H.R. 541, PREEMIE Reauthorization Act , introduced 2/6/2013	Rep. Anna Eshoo (D-CA), Rep. Leonard Lance (R-NJ)	33	Requires that preferential treatment be given to grant applications that propose supporting telehealth networks that provide prenatal care for mothers facing high-risk pregnancies.
3	H.R. 574, Medicare Physician Payment Innovation Act of 2013 , introduced 2/6/2013	Rep. Allyson Schwartz (D-PA), Rep. Joe Heck (R-NV)	39	Establishes telemedicine services and home care plan oversight services as additional service categories within Section 1848(j) of the Social Security Act.
4	H.R. 1200, American Health Security Act of 2013 , introduced 3/14/2013	Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA)	0	Requires a comprehensive health service organization (CHSO) to promote evidence-based medicine and patient engagement and coordinate care, such as through telehealth, remote patient monitoring, and other such enabling technologies.
5	H.R. 1274, Access to Quality Diabetes Education Act of 2013 , introduced 3/19/2013	Rep. Ed Whitfield (R-KY), Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO)	15	Allows certified diabetes educators to provide self-management training, including as part of telehealth services, through Medicare Part B.
6	H.R.1804, Veterans Accountability Act of 2013 , introduced 04/26/2013	Rep. Tim Huelskamp (R-KS)	0	Visual recording is defined as images, video, and other clinical information transmitted for the purposes of providing treatment through telehealth and telemedicine technologies.
7	H.R. 1947, the Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act , introduced 05/13/2013	Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK), Rep. Collin Peterson (D-MN)	0	Extends the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program, which helps meet the health care needs of rural America, through FY 2018. (See H.R. 2642)
8	H.R. 2001, Veterans E-Health & Telemedicine Support Act of 2013 , introduced 5/15/2013	Rep. Charles Rangel (D-NY), Rep. Glenn "GT" Thompson (R-PA)	69	Improves the ability of health care professionals to treat veterans via telemedicine, regardless of the location of the professional or the patient.
8	H.R. 2363, Health Care Innovation and Marketplace Technologies Act of 2013 , introduced 6/13/2013	Rep. Michael Honda (D-CA)	0	Offers loan guarantees for providers, including those accredited in home health care, who acquire health information technologies that support the electronic storage, transmission, and exchange of relevant personal health data.
10	H.R.2498, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2013 , (introduced 06/25/2013)	Rep. David Loebsack (D-IA)	4	Extends the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program, which helps meet the health care needs of rural America, through FY 2018. (See H.R. 2642)



11	H.R. 2642, Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management Act of 2013 , introduced 7/10/2013	Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK), Rep. Collin Peterson (D-MN)	0	Extends the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program, which helps meet the health care needs of rural America, through FY 2018.
12	H.R. 2910, Gun Violence Prevention and Reduction Act of 2013 , Introduced 08/01/2013	Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA)	6	The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Health Resources and Services Administration, make awards for the provision of coordinated and integrated mental health services and primary health care through the use of information technology (such as telemedicine)
13	H.R. 2957, Behavioral Health Information Technology Act of 2013 , introduced 8/1/2013	Rep. Tim Murphy (R-PA)	61	Extends health information technology assistance eligibility to behavioral health, mental health, and substance abuse professionals and facilities.
14	H.R. 3077, TELE-MED Act of 2013 introduced 9/10/2013	Rep. Devin Nunes (R-CA), Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ)	63	Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to permit certain Medicare providers licensed in a state to provide telemedicine services to Medicare beneficiaries in a different state.
15	HR. 3120, The Comprehensive Dental Reform Act , introduced 09/18/2013	Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-MD), Rep. Janice Schakowsky (D-IL)	0	HHS will conduct outreach to States for purposes of educating and encouraging States to utilize and provide payment under each State Medicaid program for telehealth-enabled dental services in order to provide dental services to traditionally underserved populations in need of such services.
16	H.R.3230, Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2014 , Introduced 10/02/2013	Rep. Harold Rogers (R-KY)	2	Directs the Secretary to improve veterans' access to telemedicine through the use of VA mobile vet centers by establishing standardized operations for such centers.
17	H.R. 3303, SOFTWARE Act of 2013 , introduced 10/22/2013	Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)	38	Provides regulatory clarity regarding mobile medical applications, clinical decision support, electronic health records, and other health care related software.
18	H.R.3306, Telehealth Enhancement Act of 2013 introduced 10/22/2013	Rep. Gregg Harper (R-MS)	20	Authorizes an Accountable Care Organization (ACO) to include coverage of telehealth and remote patient monitoring services as supplemental health care benefits to the same extent as a Medicare Advantage plan is permitted to provide such coverage of such services as supplemental health care.
19	H.R. 3507, The 21st Century Care for Military and Veterans Act , introduced 11/15/2013	Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA)	4	Expands the use of telehealth under TRICARE and in the Department of Veterans Affairs.
20	H.R. 3499, Rural Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act , introduced 11/25/2013	Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ)	24	Requires the Secretary to report to Congress regarding telemedicine services (the use by a health care provider of telecommunications to assist in the diagnosis or treatment of a patient's medical condition) for veterans, including updates on VA teleconsultation and telemedicine initiatives, training, and partnerships with primary care providers.



21	H.R. 3577 , introduced 11/21/2013	Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA)	6	Creates the Commission on Health Care Savings through Innovative Wireless Technologies, which will examine the cost savings of telehealth and telemedicine, among other services.
22	H.R.3717, Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013 , introduced 12/12/2013	Rep. Tim Murphy (R-PA)	114	The Assistant Secretary of Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders shall establish a grant and training program to train primary care physicians in tele-psychiatry.
23	H.R.3750, Telehealth Modernization Act of 2013 , introduced 12/12/2013	Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA)	3	The bill would clarify the federal definition of telehealth when defining the scope of services that can be delivered via telehealth.
24	H.R. 3890, Better Care, Lower Cost Act , introduced 1/13/2014	Rep. Erik Paulsen (R-MN)	1	Creates Chronic Care Innovation Centers, who will make evaluating new technology, such as telemedicine, one of their goals.
25	H.R. 4561, Rural Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of 2014 , introduced 5/1/2014	Rep. Carol Shea-Porter (D-NH)	0	Requires an update of the Strategic Plan Refresh for Fiscal Years 2012-2014. The update includes goals for the provision of health care in rural areas, including the enhancement of telemedicine services.
26	H.R. 4574, Strengthening Mental Health in Our Communities Act of 2014 , introduced 5/6/2014	Rep. Ron Barber (D-AZ)	63	Issues monetary awards for the use of information technology to expand behavioral health services and facilitate coordination between behavioral health and primary care providers.
27	H.R. 4673, Bundling and Coordinating Post-Acute Care Act of 2014, introduced 05/19/2014	Rep. David McKinley (R-WV)	1	To advance innovation in fields including telehealth, care coordination, medication management, and hospitalization avoidance
28	H. Amdt. 857 to H.R.4800, Agricultural, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015 , offered 6/11/2014	Rep. Cory Gardner (R-CO)	0	Increases telemedicine and distance learning services in rural areas by approximately \$3.4 million.
29	H.R.4814 - Chronic Kidney Disease Improvement in Research and Treatment Act of 2014 , introduced 06/09/2014	Rep. Tom Marino (R-PA)	41	Adds renal dialysis facility to be approved telemedicine sites of service under SSA 1834(m).
30	H.R. 4841, Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2014 , introduced 6/11/2014	Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ)	43	Improves veterans' access to telemedicine through the use of VA mobile vet centers by establishing standardized requirements.
31	H.R. 5007, Restoring Accountability in Veterans Access to Health Care Act , introduced 6/26/2014	Rep. Raul Ruiz (D-CA)	11	Implements a clinic management training program to provide in-person and standardized education on health care management at VA facilities. Includes training on how to optimize the use of telemedicine.



32	H.R.5294, Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2014 , introduced 07/30/2014	Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA)	81	HHS in consultation with representatives of States, physicians, health care practitioners, and patient advocates, encourage and facilitate the adoption of provisions allowing for multistate practitioner practice across State lines.
33	H.R. 5380, Medicare Telehealth Parity Act of 2014 , introduced 07/31/2014	Rep. Mike Thompson (D-CA)	4	Amends the Social Security Act to phase-in an expansion of telehealth coverage under the Medicare program.
34	H.R.5404 - Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2014	Rep. Jeff Denham (R-CA), Rep. Jeff Miller (R-FL)	0	Adds Telemedicine as a tool of the VA Mobile Medical Centers and Mobile Vet Centers.
35	H.R. 5558, To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the Medicare accountable care organization (ACO) program, and for other purposes , introduced 9/18/2014	Representative Diane Black (R-TN), Representative Peter Welch (D-VT)	0	Amends title XVII of the Social Security Act to permit qualifying ACOs to provide telehealth and remote patient monitoring services, including lifting limitations on originating site and store-and-forward technologies.

Senate

36	S. 252, PREEMIE Reauthorization Act , LAW 11/27/13	Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO)	11	Requires that preferential treatment be given to grant applications that propose supporting telehealth networks that provide prenatal care for mothers facing high-risk pregnancies.
37	S. 328, Strengthening Rural Access to Emergency Services Act of 2013 , introduced 2/14/2013	Senator John Thune (R-SD), Senator Tom Udall (D-NM)	1	Allows certain critical access hospitals and sole community hospitals to use interactive telecommunications systems to satisfy requirements for having a physician available to stabilize an individual with an emergency medical condition.
38	S. 516, PROSTATE Act , introduced 3/11/2013	Senator Jon Tester (D-MT), Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO)	2	Directs DOD and VA to establish four-year telehealth pilot projects to explore the cost effectiveness and benefits of telehealth for underserved populations and those in rural areas.
39	S. 596, Fostering Independence Through Technology Act of 2013 , introduced 3/18/2013	Senator John Thune (R-SD), Senator Al Franken (D-MN)	7	Establishes pilot programs for the purpose of providing incentives to home health agencies to use remote patient monitoring services that reduce expenditures.
40	S. 945, Access to Quality Diabetes Education Act of 2013 , introduced 5/14/2013	Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Senator Susan Collins (R-ME)	11	Allows certified diabetes educators to provide self-management training, including as part of telehealth services, through Medicare Part B.
41	S. 954, Agriculture Reform, Food, and Jobs Act of 2013 , introduced 1/22/2013	Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)	0	Extends the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program, which helps meet the health care needs of rural America, through FY 2018.
42	S. 1143, Protecting Access to Rural Therapy Services , introduced 6/12/2013	Senator Jerry Moran (R-KS), Senator Jon Tester (D-MT)	18	Permits direct supervision, including by telephone or other means, by non-physician practitioners for certain outpatient services.
43	S. 1155, Rural Veterans Mental Health Care Improvement Act , introduced 6/12/2013	Senator Jon Tester (D-MT)	4	Allows for advance appropriations for certain IT accounts of the VA, to include mental health training programs of the Department and directs the VA to study the use of telemedicine and related reimbursement issues in providing this care.



44	S. 1411, Rural Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of 2013 , introduced 7/31/2013	Senator Al Franken (D-MN), Senator John Boozman (R-AR)	0	Specifies requirements for the next update of the strategic plan for the Office of Rural Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs for improving access to, and the quality of, health care services for veterans in rural areas. These goals include implementing, expanding, and enhancing the use of telemedicine services in rural areas.
45	S. 1439, Care Planning Act of 2013	Senator Mark Warner (D-VA)	1	To provide for advanced illness care coordination services for Medicare beneficiaries, including telemedicine.
46	S. 1522, The Comprehensive Dental Reform Act of 2013 , introduced 09/18/2013	Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Senator Brian Schatz (D-HI)	0	HHS will conduct outreach to States for purposes of educating and encouraging States to utilize and provide payment under each State Medicaid program for telehealth-enabled dental services in order to provide dental services to traditionally underserved populations in need of such services.
47	S. 1932, Better Care, Lower Cost Act , introduced 1/13/2014	Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR)	1	Creates Chronic Care Innovation Centers, who will make evaluating new technology, such as telemedicine, one of their goals.
48	S. 1950, Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014 , introduced 1/16/2014	Senator Bernard Sanders (I-VT)	9	The Strategic Plan For Office Of Rural Health of the Department Of Veterans Affairs will be updated to reflect the Goals and objectives for the implementation, expansion, and enhanced use of telemedicine services by the Veterans Health Administration in rural areas. Requires a report on the use of telemedicine services.
49	S. 1982, Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014 , introduced 2/3/2014	Senator Bernard Sanders (I-VT)	29	The Strategic Plan For Office Of Rural Health of the Department Of Veterans Affairs will be updated to reflect the Goals and objectives for the implementation, expansion, and enhanced use of telemedicine services by the Veterans Health Administration in rural areas. Requires a report on the use of telemedicine services.
50	S. 2007, The Preventing Regulatory Overreach To Enhance Care Technology (PROTECT) Act of 2014 , introduced 02/10/2014	Senator Deb Fischer (R-NE)	2	he Preventing Regulatory Overreach To Enhance Care Technology (PROTECT) Act of 2014 offers a more specific regulatory framework for health IT that promotes innovation and job creation while protecting patient safety. (See H.R. 3303)
51	S. 2009, Rural Veterans Improvement Act , introduced 02/10/2014	Senator Mark Udall (D-CO)	5	Each periodic assessment of community-based outpatient clinics in rural and highly rural areas shall determine if the area has adequate access to broadband technology to allow the use or expansion of telehealth services at the facility
52	S.2359, Craig Thomas Rural Hospital and Provider Equity Act of 2014 , introduced 05/20/2014	Senator Al Franken (D-MN)	11	For purposes of expediting the provision of telehealth services, for which payment is made under the Medicare program, across State lines, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall, in consultation with representatives of States, physicians, health care practitioners, and patient advocates, encourage and facilitate the adoption of provisions allowing for multistate practitioner practice across State lines.

53	S. 2389, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2015	Senator Mark Pryor (D-AR)	0	Provides grants for long-distance learning and telemedicine, including a \$10,372,000 grant to finance broadband transmission in rural areas eligible for Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program benefits.
54	S. 2413, Restoring Veterans Trust Act of 2014 , introduced 6/2/2014	Senator Bernard Sanders (I-VT)	20	Implements a clinic management program that trains workers on how to optimize the use of telemedicine. Improves veterans' access to telemedicine through the use of VA mobile vet centers by establishing standardization requirements. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs will author a report on the provisions of telemedicine services.
55	S. 2422, Ensuring Veterans Access to Care Act of 2014 , introduced 6/3/2014	Senator Bernard Sanders (I-VT)	32	Improves veterans' access to telemedicine through the use of VA mobile vet centers by establishing standardization requirements.
56	S. 2450, Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2014 , introduced 6/9/2014	Senator Bernard Sanders (I-VT)	45	Directs the Secretary to improve veterans' access to telemedicine through the use of VA mobile vet centers by establishing standardized operations for such centers. See H.R. 3230 .
57	S. 2662, Telehealth Enhancement Act of 2014 , introduced 07/24/2014	Senator Thad Cochran (R-MS), Senator Roger Wicker (R-MS)	0	Amends title XVII of the Social Security Act to include coverage of telehealth and remote patient monitoring services as supplemental health care benefits and Recognizes telehealth services and remote patient monitoring in the national pilot program on payment bundling.