

EXPANDED TELEHEALTH ACCESS ACT



H.R.6202

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THE BILL

Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-TX) introduced The Telehealth Extension Act (H.R. 6202), a bill that would extend and expand access to telehealth services in the Medicare Program while imposing certain requirements for high-cost services.

To amend titles XI and XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish requirements for the provision of certain high-cost durable medical equipment and laboratory testing; to extend and expand access to telehealth services; and for other purposes.

(Basically, removes the burdensome telehealth restrictions under Medicare)

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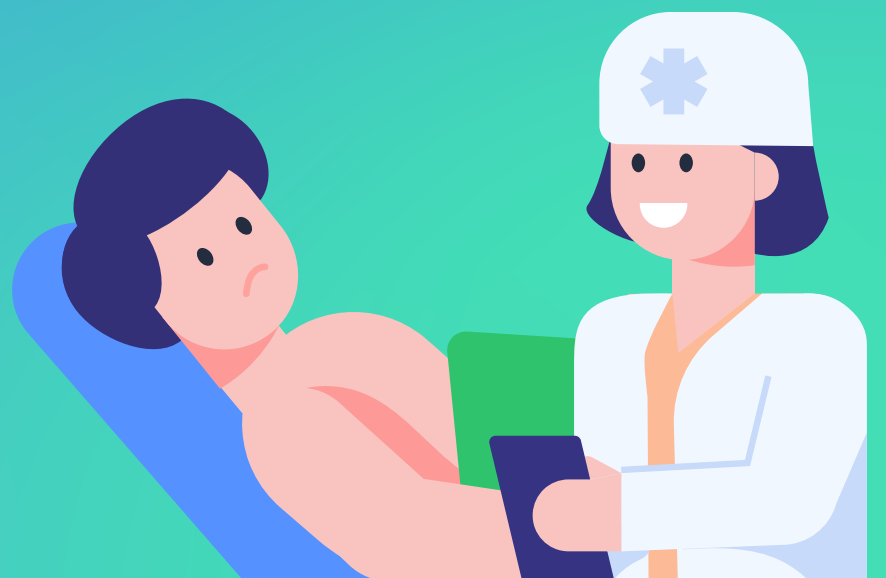
- Removes Geographic Telehealth restrictions
- Support the adoption of telehealth in underserved communities by ensuring Telehealth access to the following:
 - Federally Qualified Health Centers,
 - Rural Health Clinics
 - Indian Health Service facilities
 - Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems

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- Allow new types of providers to provide telehealth
- Allow for audio-only telehealth
- Provide broad authority for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to authorize telehealth flexibilities during future emergencies.

SO WHAT'S THE CATCH?

- Impose in-person requirements for certain services delivered via telehealth.
 - Required in-person visit within six months prior to the ordering of any high-cost durable medical equipment and high-cost lab tests.



WHY THE CATCH?

- To promote program integrity for telehealth services that have been targets of potential fraud
- **HOWEVER, there is always a concern about the impact of any in-person requirement for people with disabilities, people who are immunocompromised, and people who do not have access to transportation**