

# Union Calendar No. 328

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1148

**[Report No. 115–444, Part I]**

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access to telehealth-eligible stroke services under the Medicare program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

Mr. GRIFFITH (for himself, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. BABIN, Mr. TURNER, and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was 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 concerned

DECEMBER 6, 2017

Additional sponsors: Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. FLORES, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. PASCRELL, Mrs. WALORSKI, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. HARRIS, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. CLAY, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. TONKO, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. O’ROURKE, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. HARPER, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. BARR, Mr. COLE, Mr. POLIS, Mr. ROTHFUS, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. POCAN, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. NUNES, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. LONG, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. UPTON, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. KILMER, Mr. KIND, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. HECK, Mr. WELCH, Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico, Mr. CRIST, Mr. COSTA, Ms. JENKINS of Kansas, Mr. EMMER, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. BERA, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. WALZ, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. DUNN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. MCKINLEY,

Mr. MULLIN, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. SOTO, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. ELLISON, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. HIMES, Mr. POLIQUIN, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. STEWART, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. KNIGHT, Mr. KINZINGER, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia, Ms. ESTY of Connecticut, Mr. YOUNG of Iowa, Mr. COOK, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. COHEN, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. VELA, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. FERGUSON, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. SHEA-PORTER, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BARTON, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. PETERS, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. DONOVAN, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. POSEY, Mr. LANCE, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DENT, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. REED, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MOORE, Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. LEWIS of Minnesota, Mr. BLUM, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. KATKO, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. LAHOOD, and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut

DECEMBER 6, 2017

Reported from the Committee on Energy and Commerce with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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The Committee on Ways and Means discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 16, 2017]

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## 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 “Furthering Access to*  
 5 *Stroke Telemedicine Act of 2017” or the “FAST Act of*  
 6 *2017”.*

7 **SEC. 2. EXPANDING ACCESS TO TELEHEALTH-ELIGIBLE**  
 8 **STROKE SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICARE**  
 9 **PROGRAM.**

10 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(m)(4) of the Social*  
 11 *Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(4)) is amended—*

12 *(1) in subparagraph (C)—*

13 *(A) in clause (i), in the matter preceding*  
 14 *subclause (I), by striking “The term” and insert-*  
 15 *ing “Except as provided in clause (iii), the*  
 16 *term”; and*

17 *(B) by adding at the end the following new*  
 18 *clause:*

19 *“(iii) TELEHEALTH-ELIGIBLE STROKE*  
 20 *SERVICES.—With respect to telehealth-eli-*  
 21 *ble stroke services, the term ‘originating*  
 22 *site’ means any hospital (as defined in sec-*  
 23 *tion 1861(e)) or critical access hospital (as*  
 24 *defined in section 1861(mm)(1)), or any*  
 25 *mobile stroke unit, at which the eligible tele-*

1           *health individual is located at the time the*  
 2           *service is furnished via a telecommuni-*  
 3           *cations system, regardless of where the hos-*  
 4           *pital, critical access hospital, or mobile*  
 5           *stroke unit is located.”;*

6           (2) in subparagraph (F)(i) by inserting “tele-  
 7           *health-eligible stroke services,” after “Secretary)),”;*  
 8           *and*

9           (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
 10          *paragraph:*

11                   “(G) *TELEHEALTH-ELIGIBLE STROKE SERV-*  
 12           *ICES.—The term ‘telehealth-eligible stroke serv-*  
 13           *ices’ means services that are—*

14                           “(i) *related to the diagnosis, evalua-*  
 15                           *tion, or treatment of symptoms of an acute*  
 16                           *stroke in an individual; and*

17                           “(ii) *furnished to such individual not*  
 18                           *later than four and a half hours (or such*  
 19                           *other clinically appropriate amount of time*  
 20                           *as is determined by the Secretary) after the*  
 21                           *onset of such symptoms with respect to such*  
 22                           *individual.”.*

23          (b) *NO ORIGINATING SITE FACILITY FEE FOR NEW*  
 24          *SITES.—Section 1834(m)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act*  
 25          *(42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(2)(B)) is amended—*

1           (1) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) as sub-  
 2           clauses (I) and (II), respectively (and adjusting the  
 3           margins accordingly);

4           (2) in subclause (II), as redesignated by para-  
 5           graph (1), by striking “clause (i) or this clause” and  
 6           inserting “subclause (I) or this subclause”;

7           (3) by striking “SITE.—With respect to” and in-  
 8           serting “SITE.—

9                       “(i) IN GENERAL.—With respect to”;

10          (4) by striking “subject to section 1833(a)(1)(U)”  
 11          and inserting “subject to clause (ii) and section  
 12          1833(a)(1)(U)”;

13          (5) by adding at the end the following new  
 14          clause:

15                       “(ii) NO ORIGINATING SITE FACILITY  
 16                       FEE FOR CERTAIN TELESTROKE SERV-  
 17                       ICES.—No facility fee shall be paid under  
 18                       this subparagraph to an originating site  
 19                       that is described in clause (iii) of para-  
 20                       graph (4)(C) and that would not otherwise  
 21                       meet the requirements for an originating  
 22                       site under paragraph (4)(C) without appli-  
 23                       cation of the amendments made by the  
 24                       FAST Act of 2017.”.

1       (c) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—*The amendments made by this*  
2   *section shall apply to services furnished on or after January*  
3   *1, 2021.*



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