

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 5452

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to include physical therapists as practitioners able to furnish telehealth services under the Medicare program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Mrs. HINSON (for herself and Mrs. AXNE) 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

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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 “Parity in Telehealth  
5 for Physical Therapists Act of 2021” or the “PT for PTs  
6 Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUDING PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AS PRACTI-**  
2 **TIONERS ABLE TO FURNISH TELEHEALTH**  
3 **SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

4 Section 1834(m) of the Social Security Act (42  
5 U.S.C. 1395m(m)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “(described in  
7 section 1842(b)(18)(C))”;

8 (2) in paragraph (3)(A), by adding at the end  
9 the following new sentence: “For purposes of the  
10 preceding sentence, the term ‘practitioner’ means a  
11 practitioner described in section 1842(b)(18)(C).”;  
12 and

13 (3) in paragraph (4)(E), by amending such sub-  
14 paragraph to read as follows:

15 “(E) PRACTITIONER.—The term ‘practi-  
16 tioner’ means—

17 “(i) a practitioner described in section  
18 1842(b)(18)(C);

19 “(ii) a physical therapist; and

20 “(iii) a physical therapist assistant  
21 acting under the supervision of a physical  
22 therapist (whether or not such supervision  
23 is provided in-person).”.

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