

Union Calendar No. 580

116TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5201

[Report No. 116–697, Part I]

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage under the Medicare program of certain mental health telehealth services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 20, 2019

Ms. MATSUI (for herself 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 24, 2020

Additional sponsors: Mr. TRONE and Mr. LUJÁN

DECEMBER 24, 2020

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*]

DECEMBER 24, 2020

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 November 20, 2019]

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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 “Telemental Health Ex-*
 5 *pansion Act of 2020”.*

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANDING THE USE OF TELEHEALTH FOR CER-**
 7 **TAIN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(m)(7) of the Social*
 9 *Security Act (42 U.S.C.1395m(m)(7)) is amended—*

10 *(1) in the heading, by inserting “AND CERTAIN*
 11 *MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES” after “DISORDER SERV-*
 12 *ICES”; and*

13 *(2) by inserting “or on or after the emergency*
 14 *period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B), to an eligi-*
 15 *ble telehealth individual for purposes of diagnosis,*
 16 *evaluation, or treatment of a mental health disorder,*
 17 *as determined by the Secretary,” after “as determined*
 18 *by the Secretary,”.*

19 *(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Notwithstanding any other*
 20 *provision of law, the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-*
 21 *ices may implement the amendments made by this section*
 22 *by interim final rule, program instruction, or otherwise.*

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