

Protecting Access to Post-COVID-19 Telehealth Act of 2020
Section-by-Section

Sec. I – Short Title

Sec. II – Secretarial Authority to Temporarily Waive or Modify Application of Medicare Requirements with Respect to Telehealth Services Furnished During an Emergency Period

- Adds the authority under Sec. 1135 of the Social Security Act for the Secretary of Health & Human Services to waive any requirement for Medicare reimbursement of telehealth services under Sec. 1834(m) of the Social Security Act during *any* public health emergency period
- The waivers will sunset 90 days after the end of a public health emergency period
- Requires the HHS Secretary to deliver a report to Congress no later than 180 days after the end of the public health emergency period on the utilization of telehealth services during the period

Sec. III – Rural Health Clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers

- Beginning on January 1, 2021, rural health clinics and federally qualified health centers would be eligible distant site providers of telehealth services and could be reimbursed for providing telehealth services to their patients

Sec. IV – Elimination of Restrictions Related to Telehealth Services

- Removes the geographic requirement for originating sites beginning on December 31, 2020, thus removing the requirement that a Medicare beneficiary be located in a federally defined rural area in order to receive telehealth services
- Adds the home of an individual as a qualifying originating site for telehealth services beginning on January 1, 2021