[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. ______

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove certain geographic
and originating site restrictions on the furnishing of telehealth services
under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SHERRILL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on ______________________

A BILL

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certain geographic and originating site restrictions on
the furnishing of telehealth services under the Medicare
program.

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 “__________ Act
5  of 2020”.

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SEC. 2. REMOVING CERTAIN GEOGRAPHIC AND ORIGINATING SITE RESTRICTIONS ON THE FURNISHING OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.

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

(1) in clause (i), by striking “and only if” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting a period; and

(2) in clause (ii)(X), by striking “, but only for” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting a period.

(b) Conforming Amendments.—Section 1834(m) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)), as amended by subsection (a), is further amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraph (8)” and inserting “paragraph (6)”;  

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “paragraph (8)” and inserting “paragraph (6)”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking “paragraph (6)(C)” and inserting “paragraph (5)(B)”;

(3) in paragraph (4)—
(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “paragraph (8)” and inserting “paragraph (6)”;

(B) in subparagraph (C)(i), by striking “paragraphs (5), (6), and (7)” and inserting “paragraph (5)”;

(C) in subparagraph (F)(i), by striking “paragraph (8)” and inserting “paragraph (6)”;

(4) by striking paragraph (5);

(5) in paragraph (6)—

(A) by redesignating such paragraph as paragraph (5);

(B) by striking subparagraph (A);

(C) by redesignating subparagraphs (B) and (C) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively; and

(D) in subparagraph (A), as so redesignated, by striking “described in subparagraph (A)” and inserting “furnished on or after January 1, 2019, for purposes of diagnosis, evaluation, or treatment of symptoms of an acute stroke, as determined by the Secretary”; 

(6) by striking paragraph (7); and
(7) by redesignating paragraph (8) as paragraph (6).