

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 8505

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit the use of telehealth for purposes of recertification of eligibility for hospice care.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2022

Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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. USE OF TELEHEALTH TO CONDUCT FACE-TO-**  
4                       **FACE ENCOUNTER PRIOR TO RECERTIFI-**  
5                       **CATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HOSPICE CARE.**

6       Section 1814(a)(7)(D)(i) of the Social Security Act  
7       (42 U.S.C. 1395f(a)(7)(D)(i)) is amended to read as fol-  
8       lows:

9                       “(i) a hospice physician or nurse prac-  
10                      titioner has a face-to-face encounter (which

1           may be conducted via telehealth, as deter-  
2           mined appropriate by the Secretary) with  
3           the individual to determine continued eligi-  
4           bility of the individual for hospice care  
5           prior to the 180th-day recertification and  
6           each subsequent recertification under sub-  
7           paragraph (A)(ii) and attests that such  
8           visit took place (in accordance with proce-  
9           dures established by the Secretary); and”.

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