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117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

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:

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