

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 1148
OFFERED BY MR. GRIFFITH OF VIRGINIA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Furthering Access to
3 Stroke Telemedicine Act of 2017” or the “FAST Act of
4 2017”.

**5 SEC. 2. EXPANDING ACCESS TO TELEHEALTH-ELIGIBLE
6 STROKE SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICARE
7 PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(m)(4) of the Social
9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(4)) is amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (C)—

11 (A) in clause (i), in the matter preceding
12 subclause (I), by striking “The term” and in-
13 serting “Except as provided in clause (iii), the
14 term”; and

15 (B) by adding at the end the following new
16 clause:

17 “(iii) TELEHEALTH-ELIGIBLE STROKE
18 SERVICES.—With respect to telehealth-eli-

1 gible stroke services, the term ‘originating
2 site’ means any hospital (as defined in sec-
3 tion 1861(e)) or critical access hospital (as
4 defined in section 1861(mm)(1)), or any
5 mobile stroke unit, at which the eligible
6 telehealth individual is located at the time
7 the service is furnished via a telecommuni-
8 cations system, regardless of where the
9 hospital, critical access hospital, or mobile
10 stroke unit is located.”;

11 (2) in subparagraph (F)(i) by inserting “tele-
12 health-eligible stroke services,” after “Secretary));”;
13 and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
15 paragraph:

16 “(G) **TELEHEALTH-ELIGIBLE STROKE**
17 **SERVICES.**—The term ‘telehealth-eligible stroke
18 services’ means services that are—

19 “(i) related to the diagnosis, evalua-
20 tion, or treatment of symptoms of an acute
21 stroke in an individual; and

22 “(ii) furnished to such individual not
23 later than four and a half hours (or such
24 other clinically appropriate amount of time
25 as is determined by the Secretary) after

1 the onset of such symptoms with respect to
2 such individual.”.

3 (b) NO ORIGINATING SITE FACILITY FEE FOR NEW
4 SITES.—Section 1834(m)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(2)(B)) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) as sub-
7 clauses (I) and (II), respectively (and adjusting the
8 margins accordingly);

9 (2) in subclause (II), as redesignated by para-
10 graph (1), by striking “clause (i) or this clause” and
11 inserting “subclause (I) or this subclause”;

12 (3) by striking “SITE.—With respect to” and
13 inserting “SITE.

14 “(i) IN GENERAL.—With respect to”;

15 (4) by striking “subject to section
16 1833(a)(1)(U)” and inserting “subject to clause (ii)
17 and section 1833(a)(1)(U)”;

18 (5) by adding at the end the following new
19 clause:

20 “(ii) NO ORIGINATING SITE FACILITY
21 FEE FOR CERTAIN TELESTROKE SERV-
22 ICES.—No facility fee shall be paid under
23 this subparagraph to an originating site
24 that is described in clause (iii) of para-
25 graph (4)(C) and that would not otherwise

1 meet the requirements for an originating
2 site under paragraph (4)(C) without appli-
3 cation of the amendments made by the
4 FAST Act of 2017.”.

5 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
6 this section shall apply to services furnished on or after
7 January 1, 2021.

