

## [COMMITTEE PRINT]

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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-  
19 gible stroke services, the term ‘originating  
20 site’ means any hospital (as defined in sec-  
21 tion 1861(e)) or critical access hospital (as

1 defined in section 1861(mm)(1)), or any  
2 mobile stroke unit, at which the eligible  
3 telehealth individual is located at the time  
4 the service is furnished via a telecommuni-  
5 cations system, regardless of where the  
6 hospital, critical access hospital, or mobile  
7 stroke unit is located.”;

8 (2) in subparagraph (F)(i) by inserting “tele-  
9 health-eligible stroke services,” after “Secretary));”;  
10 and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
12 paragraph:

13 “(G) TELEHEALTH-ELIGIBLE STROKE  
14 SERVICES.—The term ‘telehealth-eligible stroke  
15 services’ means services that are—

16 “(i) related to the diagnosis, evalua-  
17 tion, or treatment of symptoms of an acute  
18 stroke in an individual; and

19 “(ii) furnished to such individual not  
20 later than four and a half hours (or such  
21 other clinically appropriate amount of time  
22 as is determined by the Secretary) after  
23 the onset of such symptoms with respect to  
24 such individual.”.

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

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

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

10 (3) by striking “SITE.—With respect to” and  
11 inserting “SITE.

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—With respect to”;

13 (4) by striking “subject to section  
14 1833(a)(1)(U)” and inserting “subject to clause (ii)  
15 and section 1833(a)(1)(U)”;

16 (5) by adding at the end the following new  
17 clause:

18 “(ii) NO ORIGINATING SITE FACILITY  
19 FEE FOR CERTAIN TELESTROKE SERV-  
20 ICES.—No facility fee shall be paid under  
21 this subparagraph to an originating site  
22 that is described in clause (iii) of para-  
23 graph (4)(C) and that would not otherwise  
24 meet the requirements for an originating  
25 site under paragraph (4)(C) without appli-

1 cation of the amendments made by the  
2 FAST Act of 2017.”.

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

