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114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access to stroke telehealth services under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GRIFFITH (for himself, Mrs. BEATTY, and Mr. SENSENBRENNER) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Furthering Access to
5 Stroke Telemedicine Act” or the “FAST Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANDING ACCESS TO STROKE TELEHEALTH**
2 **SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1834(m)(4)(C) of the So-
4 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(4)(C) is amend-
5 ed—

6 (1) in clause (i), by striking “The term” and
7 inserting “Subject to clause (iii), the term”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new
9 clause:

10 “(iii) **STROKE TELEHEALTH SERV-**
11 **ICES.**—With respect to services related to
12 the evaluation or treatment of an acute
13 stroke that are provided within the evi-
14 dence-based window of treatment, the term
15 ‘originating site’ means any site at which
16 the eligible telehealth individual is located
17 at the time the service is furnished via a
18 telecommunications system, regardless of
19 where the site is located.”.

20 (b) **NO ORIGINATING SITE FACILITY FEE FOR NEW**
21 **SITES.**—Section 1834(m)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act
22 (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(2)(B)) is amended, in the matter
23 preceding clause (i), by inserting “(other than an origi-
24 nating site that is only described in clause (iii) of para-
25 graph (4)(C), and does not meet the requirement for an

1 originating site under clause (i) of such paragraph)” after
2 “the originating site”.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall apply to services furnished on or after
5 the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment
6 of this Act.