Association of Rehabilitation Nurses Legislative Tracking Chart 117th Congress – (2021-2022)

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Bill Title and Description	Bill Number/Sponsor	Co-Sponsors	Status
	Workforce		
Physical Therapist Workforce and Patient Access Act of 2021	S. 2676 / Sen. Jon Tester	1D/2R/1I	08/09/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Amend the Public Health Service Act to make physical therapists eligible for the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program.	H.R. 3759 / Rep. Diana DeGette	29 D / 13 R	06/09/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act	S. 1024 / Sen. Richard Durbin	5 D / 7 R / 1 I	03/25/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary
This bill makes previously unused immigrant visas available to nurses and physicians who petition for such a visa before the date that is 90 days after the end of the declared national emergency relating to the COVID-19 outbreak.	H.R. 2255 / Rep. Bradley Schneider	54 D / 9 R	10/19/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship
Allied Health Workforce Diversity Act of 2021	S. 1679 / Sen. Bob Casey	2 D / 1 R	05/18/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Allows the Department of Health and Human Services to provide grants to accredited education programs to increase diversity in the physical therapy, occupational therapy, respiratory therapy, audiology, and speech-language pathology professions. Grants may be used to provide scholarships or to support recruitment and retention of students from underrepresented groups.	H.R. 3320 / Rep. Bobby Rush	37 D / 5 R	12/08/2021 Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 155
United States Cadet Nurse Corps Service Recognition Act of 2021	H.R. 2568 / Rep. Cheri Bustos	19 D / 5 R	10/20/2021 Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs. Hearings held.
To amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize and honor the service of individuals who served in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II.	S. 1220 / Sen. Elizabeth Warren	16 D / 6 R	07/28/2021 Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.

Public Health Workforce Loan Repayment Act of 2021 Establishes a student loan repayment program for public health professionals. As a condition of participation, recipients must agree to complete a period of full- time employment with a state, tribal, or local public health agency	H.R. 3297 / Rep. Jason Crow	10 D / 4 R	11/04/2021 Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote
Pathway to Health Careers Act To amend title XX of the Social Security Act to provide a pathway to health careers through health profession opportunity grants.	S. 3189 / Sen. Martin Heinrich	5 D	11/04/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance
Better Care Better Jobs Act Establishes programs and provides funds for state Medicaid programs to improve home- and community-based services (HCBS), such as home health care, personal care, case management, and rehabilitative services.	S. 2210 / Sen. Bob Casey	37 D / 2 I	06/24/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance
	H.R. 4131 / Rep. Debbie Dingell	146 D	06/25/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Future Advancement of Academic Nursing Act (FAAN Act)	S. 246 / Sen. Jeff Merkley	1 D	02/04/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Authorizes the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to award grants to nursing schools to increase capacity to respond to public health emergencies and pandemics and otherwise enhance nursing education programs.	H.R. 851 / Rep. Lauren Underwood	27 D	02/05/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Strengthening America's Health Care Readiness Act Establishes an emergency services demonstration program within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to provide supplemental student loan repayment to current and former National Health Services Corps (NHSC) participants.	S. 54 / Sen. Richard Durbin	1 R	01/26/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Workplace Violence Prevention for Health Care and Social Service Workers Act Requires the Department of Labor to address workplace violence in health care, social service, and other sectors.	H.R. 1195 / Rep. Joe Courtney	139 D / 6 R	04/19/2021 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Build Back Better Act Provides funding, establishes programs, and otherwise modifies provisions relating to a broad array of areas, including education, labor, child care, health care, taxes, immigration, and the environment	H.R. 5376 / Rep. John Yarmuth	0	11/19/2021 Motion to reconsider laid on the table
To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act and Bipartisian Budget Act of 2018 to increase access to services from advanced practice registered nurses under Medicare and Medicaid programs.	H.R. 8812 / Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard	5 D / 3 R	09/13/2022 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
Longshore and Harbor Workers' COVID- 19 Compensation Act of 2022	H.R. 3114 / Rep. Frank J. Mrvan	33 D / 2 R	09/29/2022 Placed on Union Calendar, Calendar No. 387
Establishes benefits and compensation for certain workers diagnosed with COVID-19 between January 27th, 2020 and January 27th, 2023.			
Building a Health Care Workforce for the Future Act	H.R. 8790 / Rep. Raul Ruiz	0	9/9/2022 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
Establishes three grant programs aimed at health professional education and training .			
	Telehealth		
Protecting Rural Telehealth Access Act Expands coverage of telehealth services under Medicare.	S. 1988 / Sen. Joe Manchin	3 D / 7 R	06/09/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance
	H.R. 5425 / Rep. Tom O'Halleran	1 D / 2 R	09/29/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Rural Telehealth Access Task Force Act	H.R. 8169 / Rep. Greg Pence	2 D / 1 R	08/03/2022 Referred to the Subcommittee on Commodity Exchanges, Energy, and Credit.

Establishes Rural Access Task Force to identify, evaluate, and recommend ways to increase adoption of telehealth services and access to broadband internet in rural areas. Advancing Telehealth Beyond COVID-19 Act of 2021 An extension of specific Medicare telehealth flexibilities until December 31, 2024. Flexibilities include increase of access, continuation of services by different providers, and more.	H.R. 4040 / Rep. Liz Cheney	8 D / 1 R	07/28/2022 Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
Facilitating Virtual Visitation for Nursing Home Residents Act of 2021 Requires SNFs to provide residents with reasonable access to a telephone and the internet and to inform residents of such access and of any policy changes regarding external visitors.	H.R. 727 / Rep. Linda Sanchez	0	02/02/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means
Advancing Connectivity during the Coronavirus to Ensure Support for Seniors Act (ACCESS Act)	S. 57 / Sen. Amy Klobuchar	8 D / 2 R	01/27/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
To increase the ability of nursing facilities to access telehealth services and obtain technologies to allow virtual visits during the public health emergency relating to an outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID–19)	H.R. 596 / Rep. Janice Schakowsky	48 D / 4 R	02/02/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Temporary Reciprocity to Ensure Access to Treatment Act (TREAT Act) Temporarily authorizes the interstate provision of in-person and telehealth services. This authorization applies during, and for at least 180 days after, the COVID-19 emergency.	S. 168 / Sen. Chris Murphy	2D/3R/1I	02/02/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
	H.R. 708 / Rep. Robert Latta	25 D / 10 R	02/03/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Extends the exemption for telehealth services from certain high deductible health plan rules. It also provides a high deductible health plan safe harbor for the absence of a deductible for certain primary care services.	H.R. 5541 Rep. Bradley Schneider	4 R	10/08/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means
CO	VID-19 and Pandemic Prep	paredness	
COVID-19 Long Haulers Act		1D/2R	

Requires multiple agencies to carry out research and other activities concerning individuals experiencing post-acute sequelae of COVID-19, or PASC, including health disparities related to this condition. PASC refers to persistent, long-term symptoms following recovery from acute COVID-19	H.R. 2754 / Rep. Don Beyer		04/23/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 To respond to the COVID-19 outbreak and its impact on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses.	H.R. 748 / Rep. Joe Courtney	201 D / 168 R	03/27/2020 Became Public Law No: 116-136
Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act of 2020 To respond to the COVID-19 outbreak by providing additional funding for small business loans, health care providers, and COVID-19 testing.	H.R. 266 / Rep. Betty McCollum	0	04/24/2020 Became Public Law No: 116-139
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 To provide additional relief to address the continued impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses	H.R. 1319 / Rep. John Yarmuth	0	03/11/2021 Became Public Law No: 117-2
Quality Care for Nursing Home Residents and Workers During COVID-19 Act Modifies several requirements for Medicare skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) and Medicaid nursing facilities (NFs) during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19	S. 317 / Sen. Cory Booker	1 D	02/12/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance
COVID-19 Nursing Home Protection Act of 2021 Provides funds and establishes requirements for Medicare skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) and Medicaid nursing facilities (NFs) to address COVID-19.	S. 333 / Sen. Bob Casey	17 D	02/22/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
Coronavirus Provider Protection Act Generally exempts health care professionals and related health care entities (e.g., hospitals and medical clinics) from liability for harm caused in the course of arranging or providing health care services during the COVID-19 public health emergency.	H.R. 3021 / Rep. Luis Correa	2 R	11/09/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties
The Resetting the IMPACT Act of 2021 (TRIA Act)	H.R. 2455 / Rep. Terri Sewell	15 D / 31 R	04/13/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

Requires certain data collection and recommendations relating to a Medicare post-acute care prospective payment system to incorporate the effects of COVID-19 on providers and patients. Promoting Restoration of Emergency Preparedness and Advancing Response to Epidemics in Long-Term Care Act (PREPARE LTC Act)	S. 230 / Sen. Bob Menendez	0	02/04/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance
Provides statutory authority for certain infection control and emergency preparedness requirements for Medicare skilled nursing facilities and Medicaid nursing facilities, and expands certain requirements to apply to other infectious disease outbreaks beyond COVID-19	H.R. 828 / Rep. Bill Pascrell	7 D	02/05/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Essential Caregivers Act of 2021 Requires skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for the intellectually disabled, and nearby inpatient rehabilitation facilities to establish an essential caregivers program during a public health emergency.	H.R. 3733 / Rep. Claudia Tenney	5 D / 20 R	06/29/2021 Sponsor introductory remarks on measure
Nursing Facility Quality Reporting Act of 2021 Provides statutory authority for the requirement that Medicare skilled nursing facilities and Medicaid nursing facilities report data regarding COVID-19 preparedness, testing, infections, and deaths.	H.R. 2319 / Rep. Steven Horsford	2 D	04/02/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Protecting Residents with Oversight, Transparency, and Enforcement for Compassionate Treatment in Long Term Care Facilities Act (PROTECT Long Term Care Facilities Act) Establishes a series of requirements for Medicare skilled nursing facilities and Medicaid nursing facilities during declared emergencies relating to infectious disease outbreaks	H.R. 844 / Rep. Mikie Sherill	6 D	02/05/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Nurses Certification And Recognition of Experience Act of 2021 (Nurses CARE Act) Expands qualifying training and competency requirements for nurse aides in Medicare SNFs and Medicaid nursing facilities for nurse aides who initially train and work during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19.	H.R. 331 / Rep. Fred Keller Nursing Homes	1 D / 4 R	01/18/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

Nursing Home Improvement and Accountability Act of 2021	S. 2694 / Sen. Ron Wyden	5 D	08/10/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance	
To improve care furnished and to support the workforce in skilled nursing facilities under the Medicare program and in nursing facilities under the Medicaid program	H.R. 5169 / Rep. Richard Neal	3 D	09/03/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health	
Fairness in Nursing Home Arbitration Act This bill prohibits, and nullifies any existing, pre-dispute arbitration agreements with respect to Medicare skilled nursing facilities or Medicaid nursing facilities, home- and community- based services, or home health care services.	H.R. 2812 / Rep. Linda Sanchez	6 D	04/23/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce	
Quality Care for Nursing Home Residents Act Establishes several requirements for Medicare skilled nursing facilities and Medicaid nursing facilities, including with respect to minimum staffing levels, protections for whistleblowers and residents, and training for nurses.	S. 315 / Sen. Richard Blumenthal	1 D	02/12/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance	
Nursing Home Reform Modernization Act of 2021	S. 782 / Sen. Bob Casey	1 R	03/16/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance	
Requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to establish a ranking system and related programs for Medicare skilled nursing facilities and Medicaid nursing facilities, taking into account the findings and recommendations of a specified advisory council.	H.R. 1985 / Rep. Bill Pascrell	2 D / 2 R	03/18/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health	
Nursing Home Pandemic Protection Act To establish requirements for skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and assisted living facilities to manage the outbreak of COVID-19, and for other purposes.	H.R. 9166/ Rep. Josh Gottheimer	1D/1R	10/11/2022 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce	
IMPROVE Nursing Homes Act	H.R. 8677 / Rep. Janice D. Schakowsky	0	08/05/2022 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.	
To establish a grant program to award grants to nursing facilities to replace traditional facilities with small-house nursing facilities.				
Infrastructure				

Hospital Revitalization Act of 2021 To amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a hospital revitalization program to assist certain health facilities in constructing and modernizing their facilities and to support community development Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care	S. 3105 / Sen. Michael Bennet Prior Authorization	0	10/28/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Act of 2021 To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish requirements with respect to the use of prior authorization under Medicare Advantage plans	H.R. 3173 / Rep. Suzan DelBene	83 D / 64 R	05/13/2021 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce
	Rehabilitation		
Dr. Joanne Smith Memorial Rehabilitation Innovation Centers Act	S. 2834 / Sen. Richard Durbin	2 D / 3 R	09/23/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance
To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers under the Medicare program	H.R. 5503 / Rep. Janice Schakowsky	4 D	10/05/2021 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce
Stabilizing Medicare Access to Rehabilitation and Therapy Act (SMART Act) To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise certain payment rules for outpatient physical therapy and outpatient occupational therapy furnished in rural areas and medically underserved areas, and for other purposes	H.R. 5536 / Rep. Bobby Rush	9 D / 6 R	10/08/2021 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means
Increasing Access to Quality Cardiac Rehabilitation Care Act of 2021	H.R. 1956 / Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester	7 D / 6 R	03/17/2021 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means
To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 to expand and expedite access to cardiac rehabilitation programs and pulmonary rehabilitation programs under the Medicare program.	S. 1986 / Sen. Shelley Moore Capito	1 D/ 1 R	06/09/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

Access to Assistive Technology and Devices for Americans Study Act (Triple A Study Act)	S. 1089 / Sen. Marsha Blackburn	5 D / 2 R	04/13/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Directs the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to study issues related to health insurance and other coverage for assistive technologies, such as prosthetic devices and custom orthoses, for those who experience amputations or live with a limb difference.	H.R. 2461 / Rep. G. K. Butterfield	8 D / 3 R	07/14/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
	Drug Pricing		
Medicare Negotiation and Competitive Licensing Act of 2021 To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate prices of drugs furnished under the Medicare program	H.R. 4811 / Rep. Lloyd Doggett	75 D	09/08/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
Neurological Conditions (i.e	., Concussions, Traumatio	Brain Injury, Parki	nson's Disease)
Protecting Student Athletes From Concussions Act To promote State requirements for local educational agencies and public elementary and secondary schools relating to the prevention and treatment of concussions suffered by students Adult Day Center Enhancement Act Requires a survey of, and establishes grants for, adult day programs. These programs provide care to individuals living with neurological diseases and conditions (e.g., Parkinson's disease and	H.R. 5216 / Rep. Mark DeSaulnier H.R. 253 / Rep. Barbara Lee	2 D / 2 R	09/10/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor 02/02/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
traumatic brain injury).			
	Home-based Care	Ī	07/20/2021 Dood twice and
Choose Home Care Act of 2021	S. 2562 / Sen. Debbie Stabenow	6D/8R/1I	07/29/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance
To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve extended care services by providing Medicare beneficiaries with an option for cost effective home-based extended care under the Medicare program	H.R. 5514 / Rep. Henry Cuellar	16 D / 7 R	10/08/2021 Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce
	Audiology		

Help Extend Auditory Relief (HEAR) Act of 2021			
To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of hearing aids and	H.R. 1106 / Rep. Matt Cartwright	9 D / 2 R	02/19/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
related hearing services.	ing for Individuals with D	isahilities isahilities	
Latonya Reeves Freedom Act of 2021	ing for marviduals with D	isabilities .	12/16/2021 Read twice and
To prohibit discrimination against individuals with disabilities who need long-term services and supports.	S. 3417 / Sen. Michael Bennet	3 D / 1 I	referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Improving Care for Vulnerable Older Citizens and People with Disabilities through Workforce Advancement Act of 2021 To amend the Public Health Service Act to develop and test an expanded and advanced role for direct-care workers who provide long-term services and supports to older adults and people with disabilities in efforts to coordinate care and improve the efficiency of service delivery.	H.R. 6149 / Rep. Matt Cartwright	1 R	12/07/2021 Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce
	Research		
Cures 2.0 Act To continue the acceleration of the discovery, development, and delivery of 21st century cures.	H.R. 6000 / Rep. Diana DeGette	51 D / 12 R	11/17/2021 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Budget, Science, Space, and Technology, Agriculture, Education and Labor, Armed Services, Natural Resources, Veterans' Affairs, Homeland
			Security, and the Judiciary

Improving Access to Medicare Coverage Act of 2021	S. 2048 / Sen. Sherrod Brown	3 D / 3 R	06/15/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance
Deems an individual receiving outpatient observation services in a hospital as an inpatient for purposes of satisfying the three-day inpatient hospital-stay requirement with respect to Medicare coverage of skilled nursing facility services.	H.R. 3650 / Rep. Joe Courtney	26 D / 21 R	06/01/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health
	Palliative Care		
Expanding Access to Palliative Care Act To amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide for the testing of a community-based palliative care model.	S. 2565 / Sen. Jacky Rosen	3 D/ 2 R	07/29/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance
	Elder Justice		
Elder Justice Reauthorization and Modernization Act of 2021	S. 2674 / Sen. Ron Wyden	2 D	08/07/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance
To reauthorize funding for programs to prevent, investigate, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation	H.R. 4969 / Rep. Richard Neal	2 D	08/06/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support
	Annual Appropriation	ns	
Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 Omnibus bill consolidating twelve regular appropriations bills and additional COVID-19 pandemic relief.	H.R. 133 / Rep. Henry Cuellar	3 D / 1 R	2/27/2020 Became Public Law No: 116-260
	Other		
Reducing Unnecessary Senior Hospitalizations Act of 2021 (RUSH Act) To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a program to allow qualified group practices to furnish certain items and services at qualified skilled nursing facilities to individuals entitled to benefits under part A and enrolled under part B of the Medicare program to reduce unnecessary hospitalizations.	S. 2576 / Sen. John Thune	1 D	07/30/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance
	H.R. 4890 / Rep. Ann Kuster	1 R	08/02/2021 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health

Nurse Staffing Standards for Hospital Patient Safety and Quality Care Act of 2021	H.R. 3165 / Rep. Janice Schakowsky	29 D	05/12/2021 Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means
Requires hospitals to implement and submit to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) a staffing plan that complies with specified minimum nurse-to-patient ratios by unit. Hospitals must post a notice regarding nurse-to-patient ratios in each unit and maintain records of actual ratios for each shift in each unit.	S. 1567 / Sen. Sherrod Brown	5 D	05/11/2021 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions