

H.R. 3419, an act to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the telehealth network and telehealth resource centers grant programs

As passed by the House of Representatives on April 21, 2026

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2026	2026-2031	2026-2036
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	157	164
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2037?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No
		Mandate Effects	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2037?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 3419 would authorize the appropriation of \$42 million each year from 2026 through 2030 for the Health Resources and Services Administration to administer grant programs for telehealth networks and telehealth resource centers. Those programs provide grants to expand access to telehealth services, improve quality of care, and provide technical assistance and training, particularly in rural and medically underserved areas. In 2026, lawmakers allocated \$46 million for those purposes.

Because the 2026 appropriation extended the authority for those programs through 2026, CBO's estimate of the budgetary effects of H.R. 3419 reflects only the amounts that the act would authorize to be appropriated after 2026. Assuming appropriation of those amounts and using historical spending patterns for similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing the act would cost \$157 million over the 2026-2031 period and \$7 million after 2031.

See also

[CBO's Cost Estimates Explained](#), [CBO Describes Its Cost-Estimating Process](#), [Glossary](#)

The estimated budgetary effects of the legislation are shown in Table 1. The costs of the legislation fall within budget function 550 (health).

Table 1. Estimated Budgetary Effects of H.R. 3419							
	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2026-2031
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	
	Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation						
Authorization	0	42	42	42	42	0	168
Estimated Outlays	0	17	35	40	41	24	157

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