December 11, 2024

The Honorable Chuck Schumer The Honorable Mike Johnson Senate Majority Leader Speaker of the House United States Senate **United States Capitol** Washington, DC 20515 Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Mitch McConnell The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries Minority Leader Senate Minority Leader United States Senate **United States Capitol** Washington, DC 20510 Washington, DDC 20515

Dear Senate Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, and Speaker Johnson, and House Minority Leader Jeffries:

On behalf of the signatories below, we thank you for your ongoing efforts to advance access to health care through telehealth. We write today to re-emphasize the importance of creating predictability by extending current telehealth flexibilities in an end-of-year package for a full year or more.

Both patients and practitioners seek assurance that services will continue without interruption after the statutory deadline of December 31, 2024. Enhanced access to telehealth services serves as a lifeline to patients across the country, allowing patients to access critical health care services even when they have barriers to accessing in-person care, such as weakened immune systems, transportation challenges, geographic distance, and more.

Telehealth is a bipartisan policy, as demonstrated by the broadly supported <u>2022 legislation</u> which extended telehealth flexibilities through 2024. We now face a deadline once again. While our priority is legislation that would establish permanent telehealth policies, we recognize achieving this goal could be a multi-year process. As such, in the meantime, it is imperative that Congress act to extend telehealth flexibilities before the December 31, 2024 expiration date.

As mentioned in <u>a group letter</u> earlier this year, ensuring stability for telehealth policy through CY2025 would:

- Create certainty for Medicare beneficiaries (and the Medicare program), who will otherwise wonder if they will have continued access to clinicians and services they are using virtually.
- Strengthen our national health care workforce by enabling greater number of clinicians to provide telehealth services and allowing for investment in flexible virtual staffing models that address current workforce shortages while maintaining high quality health care.
- Ensure continued investment in the technology tools and infrastructure to offer telehealth services, particularly for smaller providers serving rural and underserved communities who cannot afford to invest in these tools without an ensured reimbursement pathway.
- Allow health plans and employers to design and offer benefits leveraging telehealth services particularly for high-deductible health plans offering discounted telehealth services.

Telehealth is a strongly supported, bipartisan issue. It is crucial that both the House and Senate continue telehealth flexibilities in the year-end package and extend for as long as possible.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

- Access TeleCare
- Adonis Health, Inc.
- Adventist Health
- ADVION (formerly National Association for the Support of Long Term Care)
- AGMP Telehealth
- Akron Children's Hospital
- Allergy & Asthma Network
- Alliance for Aging Research
- Alliance for Connected Care
- Alliance for Nursing Informatics
- Alliance Mental Health
- Alliance of Community Health Plans
- Alliance to Fight for Health Care
- Allina Health
- ALS Association
- Amazon
- American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
- American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
- American Academy of Neurology
- American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- American Academy of Physician Associates
- American Academy of Sleep Medicine
- American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work
- American Association for Respiratory Care
- American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation
- American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists
- American Benefits Council
- American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
- American College of Clinical Pharmacy
- American Geriatrics Society
- American Health Care Association
- American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)
- American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)
- American Nurses Association
- American Occupational Therapy Association
- American Organization for Nursing Leadership
- American Physical Therapy Association
- American Psychological Association Services
- American Telemedicine Association
- American TelePhysicians
- American Urological Association

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