February 24, 2025

The Honorable John Thune Senate Majority Leader United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer Senate Minority Leader United States Senate Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Mike Johnson

Speaker of the House United States Capitol Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries

Minority Leader United States Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senate Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, 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 request your leadership in ensuring Americans are able to access the same telehealth that they were able to utilize in 2024 in the future. We strongly urge you to take action in March to establish permanent or long-term access to telehealth.

Both patients and practitioners seek assurance that services will remain available. 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. While our priority is legislation that would establish permanent telehealth policies, we recognize achieving this goal could be a multi-year process. Therefore, it is crucial that Congress take action to restore the telehealth access lost in December and prevent the loss of Medicare telehealth services in March.

As mentioned in previous letters, ensuring stability for telehealth policy would:

- Provide 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.
- Encourage ongoing 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 pass permanent or long-term telehealth provisions to ensure stable access to health care services.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Access TeleCare

Adamcik Counseling and Wellness PLLC

Adventist Health

ADVION (formerly NASL, the National Association for the Support of Long Term Care)

Advocate Counseling and Consulting, PLLC

AGMP Telehealth

Allergy & Asthma Network

Alliance for Aging Research

Alliance for Connected Care

Alliance for Headache Disorders Advocacy

Alliance Tele-Med, LLC

Alliance to Fight for Health Care

Alpha-1 Foundation

ALS Association

Amazon

American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology

American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine

American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work

American Association for Respiratory Care

American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation

American Association of Critical-Care Nurses

American Association of Nurse Practitioners

American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists

American Clinical Neurophysiology Society

American College Health Association (ACHA)

American College of Gastroenterology

American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics

American Geriatrics Society

American Health Care Association

American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)

American Nurses Association

American Occupational Therapy Association

American Osteopathic Association

American Physical Therapy Association

American Psychiatric Association

American Society of Hematology

American Society of Pediatric Nephrology

American Telemedicine Association

American TelePhysicians

American Urological Association

Anchored Life Services

Anderson Medical Services LLC

Anderson Mental Health Services LLC

Anxiety and Depression Association of America

Ascension

Assisted Recovery Centers of America

Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness

Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)

At Your Service Psychiatry, PLLC

ATA Action

athenahealth

Avel eCare

Banshee Therapy Services

Beacon Health

Behaivior Inc

Best Life E Therapy LLC

Better Wellness Counseling and Consulting

Bicycle Health Medical Group

Big Cities Health Coalition

Billings Clinic Logan Health

Biofourmis

Brownlee Health

Bubba's Light Foundation

Burns Virtual Psychological Solutions PC

CAMC Greenbrier Nephrology

Caprock Alliance for Mental Wellness

Carda Health

Care Simplified PLLC

Center to Advance Palliative Care

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

Children's National Hospital

Children's Nebraska

ChristianaCare

Chronic Migraine Awareness, Inc.

CirrusMD

Clusterbusters, Inc.

Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers

College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME)

Columbia University Irving Medical Center

Compassion & Choices

Complete Behavioral Health, PLLC

Congenital Hyperinsulinism International

Connected Health Initiative

Consumer Technology Association

Convenient Care Association

CopilotIQ

Corstrata, Inc

CSNK2A1 Foundation

Cure CMD

CurieDx

Current Mind Care, LLC

Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome Association

Dexcom Inc.

Diabetes & Endocrinology Consultants of Pennsylvania, LLC

Diabetes Leadership Council

Diabetes Patient Advocacy Coalition

Different MHP, PC

DigitalOptometrics LLC

Dogtown Media

Doximity

Dravet Syndrome Foundation

DreamCloud

Elevance Health

Embrace Health

Emergency Department Practice Management Association (EDPMA)

Emory

Emplify Health

Encounter Telehealth

Endocrine Society

Envision Elite Wellness pllc

Envision Elite WEllness, PLLC

Epilepsy Alliance America

Era Of Healing LLC

Essentia Health

EveryLife Foundation for Rare Diseases

Experience Counseling

Fairview Health Services

Fallen Timbers Holistic Services

Family Wellness and Psychotherapy Center

Fast DOC LLC

Federation of American Hospitals

Fields Psychological, LLC

Florida Health Information Management Association

FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered

Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)

Frontier Psychiatry, Inc.

Functional Minds Psychiatry

Gateway Rehabilitation Center

Geisinger

Geisinger Health System

Genesis Counseling Services, ltd.

GenieMD, Inc

Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA)

Gilda's Club South Florida

GO2 for Lung Cancer

Go2Care

Graceful Therapy, PLLC

Grant Chamberlain - Ziegler

GRIN2B Foundation

Guiding Hands Counseling, PLLC

Haley Newman Counseling LLC

Hazel Health, Inc.

Healing Circle Counseling

Health Innovation Alliance

Health Tech Strategies

Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society

Heart Centered Therapy and Consulting PLLC

Heart Failure Society of America

Heart Rhythm Advocates

Heartbeat Health

Hello Alpha

HER Psychiatric Services

Hero's Journey Counseling LLC

Holding Hope Counseling Center

Holland and Associates Counseling, PLLC.

Homeward Health Inc.

Hope for HIE

Howerton Counseling, LLC

Human Vitality

HumanRx Wellness LLC

Hydrocephalus Association

Illinois Telehealth Network

Immune Deficiency Foundation

IMPOWER

In-Tuitt Behavioral Health Services

Included Health, Inc.

Indiana University Health, Inc.

Infectious Diseases Society of America

Integrated Telehealth Partners

Intentional Practice

International Myeloma Foundation

International OCD Foundation

Johns Hopkins Medicine

KeyCare

KMA Services LLC

Laurel Health Advisors, LLC

Layh and Associates

Learning to Thrive Therapeutic Services LLC

LifeMD, Inc.

LMA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Logan Wellness Advanced Nursing Practice Corp.

LT Telehealth/LocumTenens.com

LUNGevity Foundation

Mae Mental Wellness

MaineGeneral Medical Center

Make Your Turn LLC

Manage My Menopause, LLC

Marek Health

Mass General Brigham

Master Peace Wellness & Consulting, PLLC

Mayo Clinic

Medical Group Management Association

Mend VIP, Inc.

Mental Health America

Merrifield Therapeutic Couseling Services, LLC

Metamorphosis Psychology Group Inc

Metanoia Counseling & Consulting

Mind & Bodhi pC

Mindful Counseling LLC

Mindset Time

Minnesota Hospital Association

Mission: Cure

Moffitt Cancer Center

Mojo Health Solutions, Inc.

Motivate And Elevate Counseling LLC

Moving Mountains - Mental Health & Recovery, PLLC

Muscular Dystrophy Association

National Alliance for Care at Home

National Association of Community Health Centers

National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

National Association of Social Workers

National Center for Assisted Living

National Council for Mental Wellbeing

National Eczema Association

National League for Nursing

National Patient Advocate Foundation

Nest Collaborative

Neura Health

New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Facilties, Inc.

New Vision Counseling Center

Nicklaus Children's Health System

Noma Therapy

North Dakota Health Information Association

North Dakota Health Information Management Association

Northern Neck Life Consultants, PLLC

Northwest Telepsychiatry

OCHIN

Office of CEO

Oncology Nursing Society

Oshi Health

Out of the Woods Counseling

PA lacono, LLC

Paragon Behavioral Health

Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy

Parisi Psychiatry and Wellness

Partnership for Employer-Sponsored Coverage

Partnership to Advance Virtual Care

Path of Life Counseling, LLC

Patient-Led Research Collaborative

Peace of Mind Inc

Peak Serenity Counseling & Nutrition

Pediatric Gastroenterology of Northern Virginia

Pelago

Pennsylvania Rural Health Association

Philips North America

Picayune Family Care Center

Ply Health Inc

Point of View Counseling

Prana Wellness, LLC

Preventive Medicine Research Institute

Primary Care Development Corporation

Psychiatric Medical Practitioners, Inc

Psychological Services of North Texas

Psychotherapy Action Network (PsiAN)

QLER Telepsychiatry

QMed, LLC

QueerDoc

Rainey Counseling pllc

Rare and Undiagnosed Network (RUN)

Re-architect Health LLC

Reproductive Health Access Project

Resolve Psychiatric Services

Rewild PLLC

Rhinogram, Inc

Ridgeline Counseling

Rising Above Therapy, LLC

Ro

Rocket Doctor

Rose Strategic Partners, LLC

Rowllins Mental Health and Wellness Center, LLC

RxHomeTest

Sacred Space Psychiatry

Sanford Health

Satori Mental Health LLC

Shadow Mountain Mental Health

ShedRx

Shock Therapy Group, LLC

SHREWSBURY WELLNESS CENTER

SimplePractice LLC

SLC6A1 Connect

Social Innovation Ventures

Society for Participatory Medicine

Society of General Internal Medicine

Society of Gynecologic Oncology

Society of Interventional Radiology

Somatic Liberation Psychotherapy LLC

Sound Physicians

Southern Illinois University (SIU) School of Medicine

Spectrum Psychological Services

Spectrum: The Other Clinic

Stanford Health Care

STXBP1 Foundation

Summer Tree Therapy

Sunrise Mental Health

Susan G. Komen

Synchronous Mental Health

Talkiatry

Tapestry Health

Teladoc Health

Telehealth Advisory Group

Telehealth Outreach for Unified Community Health-Telehealth Systems Consultants

Telehealth.org

TeleHealthcare Network

Telehealthdocs Medical Group

The Center for Connection and Change,LLC

The Center for Discovery

The FamilieSCN2A Foundation

The Global Foundation for Peroxisomal Disorders

The LIBRE Initiative

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons

TheraTec, Inc

Tidemaek Therapy PLLC

Tourette Association of America

Transcarent

Transcendental Wellness, PLLC

Transformative Healthcare

Tri-Area Community Health

True North Psychiatry

Turner Syndrome Society of the United States

U.S.Armed Forces Veterans Association of Palau

Ubuntu psychological services

United States of Care

Uniti Health

UnityPoint Health

University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

University of Michigan Health

Uplift Counseling and EMDR, PLC

URAC

UVA Health

VCU Health System Authority

Venice A Aviso DDS LLC

Vesta Healthcare

Virginia Telehealth Network

Vistas Pediatric and Family Mental Wellness PLLC

Vital Voice and Speech LLC

ViTel Net

Vizient, Inc.

Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center

Welliti

White Lotus Counseling Center, LLC

Wildbloom Counseling PLLC

Wisconsin Hospital Association

WISP

Workit Health

Woven In Love, LLC