



March 11, 2020

The Honorable Alex Azar
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

The Honorable Seema Verma
Administrator
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, SW
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Re: H.R. 6074 & Waiver Authority for Medicare Part B Telehealth Services

Dear Secretary Azar and Administrator Verma,

The Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) writes to urge you to take immediate action to implement the new telehealth waiver authority provided under the *Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020* (H.R. 6074). With a membership of more than 55,000 medical practice administrators, executives, and leaders, MGMA represents more than 15,500 organizations of all sizes, types, structures and specialties that deliver almost half of the healthcare in the United States.

Telehealth is one of many important tools that medical groups have to provide greater access to vulnerable Medicare patients. In addition to immediate implementation, we ask you to clarify that the waivers would pertain to all medical conditions, not just for the treatment of COVID-19. It is critical that patients continue to have access to medical care for ongoing conditions and non-COVID-19 related illnesses during this public health emergency.

MGMA stands ready to assist the Administration in helping medical groups respond to this rapidly evolving situation. We look forward to seeing the new waiver authority implemented as it will prove to be an invaluable tool for our nation's medical groups as they care for Medicare beneficiaries during this emergency. If you have any questions, please contact Claire Ernst at cernst@mgma.org or 202-293-3450.

Regards,

/s/
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