

September 13, 2022

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Schumer and McConnell:

Thank you for your continued leadership in expanding access to virtual care during the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). This access has been transformational – patients now expect and often prefer telehealth as a key component of our health care system and providers have been able to reach many patients that previously had access barriers through virtual care.

These opportunities were made possible by the flexibilities and waivers under the current PHE. However, at the end of the COVID-19 PHE period, the clock begins to tick on the current 151-day statutory extension of telehealth waivers. While we appreciate these temporary extensions, the short-term nature continues to introduce significant uncertainty into our health care system. Providers must weigh the costs of investing in the technological and clinical infrastructure required to maintain telehealth programs at scale against the uncertainty of when these telehealth policies may end. Further, patients who utilize telehealth as part of their care plan face the possibility of a forced return to in-person care. This is particularly concerning for those utilizing telehealth to reach experts at longer distances, for access to mental and behavioral health practitioners, and those receiving ongoing remote care for chronic conditions.

Virtual care is now a fundamental part of the U.S. health care system, and it will improve patient access to high quality care and strengthen continuity of care well beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. While many of the most compelling clinical use cases for virtual care are only now emerging, more communities than ever have experienced the powerful impact telehealth has had in bridging gaps in care. Telehealth is helping to address the crisis-level mental health, primary care, and other workforce shortages. Many underserved communities that historically have had limited access to care may now beam in additional support for their workforce as well as top specialists to help save lives and treat critically ill patients. Unfortunately, without statutory certainty for remote care the hard work of building infrastructure, trust, and relationships with these communities is beginning to stall.

As such, we urge the Senate to act this fall to ensure certainty for telehealth services. As demonstrated by the House – which passed the *Advancing Telehealth Beyond COVID-19 Act* (H.R. 4040) by a vote of 416-12 – telehealth is an overwhelmingly bipartisan issue. The Senate should act to pass a two-year extension of these important telehealth policies, while continuing to push for a permanent extension, that includes provisions to lift provider and patient location

limitations, remove in-person requirements for telemental health, ensure continued access to clinically appropriate controlled substances without in-person requirements, and increase access to telehealth services in the commercial market.

We look forward to working with you to provide certainty to our nation's health care providers and, more importantly, ensure communities across the country can continue to access care when and where they need it.

Sincerely,

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American Academy of Home Care Medicine

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American Academy of Neurology

American Academy of PAs

American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC)

American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases

American Association of Neurological Surgeons

American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons

American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

American Clinical Neurophysiology Society

American College of Emergency Physicians

American College of Gastroenterology

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American Gastroenterological Association

American Geriatrics Society

American Health Care Association/National Center for Assisted Living  
American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)  
American Heart Association  
American Medical Association  
American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)  
American Nurses Association  
American Occupational Therapy Association  
American Parkinson Disease Association  
American Physical Therapy Association  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery  
American Society of Echocardiography  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Society of Pediatric Nephrology  
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
American Telemedicine Association  
American Urological Association  
AMGA  
Amwell  
Array Behavioral Care  
Ascension  
Aspire New Life, LLC  
Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness  
Association for Clinical Oncology  
Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP)  
Association of American Cancer Institutes  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations (AAPCHO)  
Association of Community Cancer Centers (ACCC)  
Association of Oncology Social Work  
Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America  
ATA Action  
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Atlantic General Hospital  
Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist  
Avel eCare  
Avery's Hope  
AVIA  
AvodahMed  
AXYS  
Babylon  
Baptist Health  
Bay Rivers Telehealth Alliance  
Behavioral Health Solutions  
Bicycle Health  
BJC HealthCare

BlueStar TeleHealth  
Boston Children's Hospital  
Bright.md  
Brightline, Inc.  
Business Group on Health  
Byteflies  
Cadence Solutions, Inc. & Cadence Health Florida, PLLC  
California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF)  
Cancer Support Community Indiana  
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Care Compass Network  
CareHive Health  
Catholic Health Association of the United States  
Center for Telehealth, University of Mississippi Medical Center  
Center to Advance Palliative Care  
Cerebral, Inc.  
Change Healthcare  
Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC)  
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
CHOC Children's Hospital  
Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation  
Circle Medical  
Cleveland Clinic  
Coalition for Headache and Migraine Patients  
College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME)  
Columbia University Irving Medical Center  
CommonSpirit Health  
Community Care Cooperative  
Community Wellness  
Compassion & Choices  
Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
Connected Health Initiative  
Consumer Choice Center  
Consumer Technology Association  
Continuum Therapy Partners  
Convenient Care Association  
CopilotIQ, Inc  
CPSI  
Cromford Health  
Curai, Inc.  
Cure CMD  
Curve Health  
Cushing's Support & Research Foundation  
CVS Health  
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Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance  
Diabetes & Endocrinology Consultants of PA, LLC  
Diabetes Leadership Council  
Diabetes Patient Advocacy Coalition  
DialCare  
DigitalOptometrics LLC  
Dock Health  
Dogtown Media  
DreamCloud Psychiatry  
Duke Health  
Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action  
Educational Resolutions  
eMed Digital Healthcare  
Emergency Department Practice Management Association  
Encounter Telehealth Inc  
Endocrine Society  
Envision Healthcare  
Epilepsy Foundation  
EPOWERdoc, LLC  
Equum Medical  
Espoir Global LLC dba Walomed  
Everly Health  
ExamMed  
Executives for Health Innovation  
Faith Regional Health Services  
Favor  
Federation of American Hospitals  
Fight Colorectal Cancer  
Firefly Health  
Florida Health Information Management Association (FHIMA)  
FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered  
Freespira, Inc.  
Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)  
Friends of Parkinson's, Inc.  
GenieMD, Inc  
Genome Medical Services, P.C.  
Genome Medical, Inc.  
Georgia Kidney Associates  
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association  
Gilda's Club South Florida Inc  
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GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer  
Go2Care  
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Greenway Health  
GRIN2B Foundation  
Gundersen Health System  
Haystack Project  
Hazel Health  
HD Reach  
Health Innovation Alliance  
Healthcare Leadership Council  
HealthLinkNow  
Heart Failure Society of America  
Heartbeat Health  
Hemophilia Federation of America  
HIMSS  
HIMSS Electronic Health Record Association  
HIMSS, Alabama Chapter  
HIMSS, Midwest Gateway Chapter  
HIMSS, Minnesota Chapter  
HIMSS, New England Chapter  
HIMSS, New York State Chapter  
HIMSS, South Carolina Chapter  
HIMSS, Wisconsin Chapter  
Homeward  
Hospice Action Network  
Hudson Headwaters Health Network  
HumanFirst  
Humetrix  
Illinois Telehealth Network  
Included Health (formerly Doctor On Demand + Grand Rounds)  
Indiana University Health, Inc.  
Intel Corporation  
International Foundation for AiArthritis  
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Invitae Corporation  
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Kidney Management Associates  
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Life365, Inc.  
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MCCD Psychiatry  
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MedStar Health  
MedWand Solutions, Inc.  
Melanoma Research Foundation  
Memorial Healthcare System  
Memorial Sloan Kettering  
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Michigan Neurological Association  
Miles for Migraine  
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Minnesota Hospital Association  
Modern Ritual Health LLC  
Moffitt Cancer Center  
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Multiple Sclerosis Association of America  
Muscular Dystrophy Association  
My Gene Counsel  
National Association for Home Care & Hospice  
National Association for the Support of Long Term Care (NASL)  
National Association of Health Underwriters  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Council for Mental Wellbeing  
National Health Care for the Homeless Council  
National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization  
National League for Nursing  
National Multiple Sclerosis Society  
National Nurse-Led Care Consortium  
National Organization for Rare Disorders  
National PACE Association  
Nebraska Medicine  
Nemours Children's Health  
Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies  
New Hampshire Nurses Association  
New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc.  
NIM Longevity  
Nixon Gwilt Law

Nudj Health, Inc.  
NuvoAir Medical PC  
OCHIN  
Oklahoma Hospital Association  
Omada Health, Inc.  
Omnicare  
Oncology Nursing Society  
One Medical  
Orion Health Ltd.  
Oshi Health  
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy  
Partnership for Employer-Sponsored Coverage  
Partnership to Advance Virtual Care  
Patient Access Network (PAN) Foundation  
Pelorus Elder & Behavioral Health  
Philips North America LLC  
Population Health Analytics Association Incorporated  
Premier, Inc.  
Premise Health Holding Corp  
Prevent Blindness  
Prism Health North Texas  
PursueCare  
Pyramid Healthcare, Inc.  
QueerDoc, PLLC  
QuickVisit UC and QuickVisit NOW  
Qure4u  
Rady Children's Hospital – San Diego  
REDC  
ResMed Corp.  
ResolutionCare, a Vynca company  
Resurgica Health Solutions  
Ro  
RxHomeTest  
Self Regional Healthcare  
Senior Care Clinic House Calls  
SHARE Cancer Support  
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council  
Society of General Internal Medicine  
Society of Gynecologic Oncology  
Society of Interventional Radiology  
Society of Professional Benefit Administrators  
South Central Human Relations Center  
Southcoast Health  
Southern Illinois University (SIU) School of Medicine  
Sparrow Health System  
Stanford Children's Health



Stanford Health Care  
Strive Orthopedics  
STXBP1 Foundation  
Summerside Health  
Swing Therapeutics, Inc.  
SWL Health Ventures  
SYNERGIA Integrated Telebehavioral Health, LLC  
SYNGAP1 Foundation  
Talkiatry  
Talkspace  
TECHMEDO HEALTH  
Teladoc Health  
Telecare Anywhere  
Teledentistry.com  
Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma  
Telehealth Alliance of Oregon  
Telemetrynd Inc  
The Center for Telehealth and eHealth Law (CTeL)  
The ERISA Industry Committee  
The Global Telemedicine Group  
The Guthrie Clinic  
The Jewish Federations of North America  
The Language Group, LLC  
The University of Kansas Health System  
TheraTec, Inc  
Third Eye Health  
Tourette Association of America  
Transcarent  
Traverse Therapeutics  
Tri County Internal Medicine, P.C.  
Tri-State Memorial Hospital  
Trinity Health  
Trinity Rehabilitation Services  
U.S. Pain Foundation  
UC Davis Health  
UCSF Health  
United Disabilities Services  
United Spinal Association  
United States of Care  
UnityPoint Health  
University of Alabama Birmingham Health System  
University of California Health  
University of Maryland Department of Psychiatry  
University of Michigan Health  
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Health System  
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VirtuSense Technologies  
Visana Health  
Vital Voice and Speech LLC  
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Wizecare  
Wyoming Institute for Disabilities  
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