



STATEMENT ON THE CONNECT FOR HEALTH ACT OF 2019

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WASHINGTON DC – Today, the [Alliance for Connected Care](#) (“The Alliance”) is pleased to support the Creating Opportunities Now for Necessary and Effective Care Technologies (CONNECT) for Health Act of 2019. Thank you to Senators Brian Schatz (D-HI) and Roger Wicker (R-MS), and House Telehealth Caucus leaders, Representatives Mike Thompson (D-CA) and Bill Johnson (R-OH) for their continued leadership.

“It’s time to ensure telemedicine is available to all seniors. Congress took a step forward last year with enactment of coverage in Medicare Advantage,” said Alliance for Connected Care executive director Krista Drobac. “This bill would give the Secretary authority to bring digital health to all Medicare beneficiaries.”

Section 3 of the legislation, which provides new authority for the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to waive originating site, geographic, and other limitations for telehealth in Medicare, would spark sweeping change. The Secretary could waive the restrictions that are preventing widespread adoption of digital health tools among providers serving Medicare patients.

“We have seen how telehealth and remote patient monitoring facilitate better patient outcomes. This legislation supports adoption of remote care solutions is key to the future of healthcare for our nation’s seniors,” said David P. Ryan GM, Health & Life Sciences at Intel, an Alliance Board Member.

The Alliance for Connected Care is dedicated to improving access to care through the reduction of policy, legal and regulatory barriers to the adoption of telemedicine and remote patient monitoring. The Alliance’s membership brings together diverse industry leaders - from providers of direct patient engagement to physician consultation and remote monitoring, as well as the connected care technologies that are already facilitating the future of health care delivery.