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Dear Krista Drobac:

Thank you for your letter to Administrator Brooks-LaSure regarding the new telehealth codes proposed by the American Medical Association (AMA) Resource-based Relative Value Scale Update Committee (RUC) in May 2023. I am responding on her behalf. Your letter requested that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) not adopt these new telehealth codes from the AMA into the Medicare program. I share your interest in supporting beneficiary access to the care they need, and I appreciate hearing from you on this important issue.

When the AMA creates a permanent Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code, we consider the newly created CPT codes through our annual rulemaking activities under the Physician Fee Schedule. We expect to consider recent recommendations from the AMA RUC for new and revised CPT codes for potential adoption and valuation under the PFS in upcoming rulemaking, including the telehealth codes referenced in your letter. We will provide the opportunity for public comment, and carefully consider public comments received during the comment period before making final policy decisions and issuing the final rule.

Thank you again for your letter. Input from interested parties is an important contribution to the policy-making process, and we value your feedback. We appreciate you sharing your comments and concerns, which we will consider as we move forward on these critical issues.

Sincerely,

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