



May 7, 2024

The Honorable Jason Smith
Chair
Ways & Means Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Richard Neal
Ranking Member
Ways & Means Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Smith and Ranking Member Neal:

On behalf of the Alliance for Connected Care and the many patients and clinicians we represent, I am writing to share our appreciation for your leadership in advancing important telehealth access – building on the dynamic hearing this spring on care in the home. Most notably, we have supported the Committee’s actions to avert the coming telehealth cliff on December 31, 2024 – both through the [advancement](#) of commercial market telehealth last year and now with a two-year extension of Medicare telehealth access.

As you know, the Alliance was joined by well [over 200 organizations](#) earlier this year in urging congressional leaders to act on telehealth as early as possible – due to the need for these changes to be reflected in federal payment rules, employer and health plan benefit decisions, and health provider workforce decisions. Telehealth policy flexibilities granted during the pandemic, and subsequently extended in 2022, have supported telehealth access nationwide, including more than 30 million Americans in Medicare and many of the 33 million Americans with High-Deductible Health Plans and Health Savings Accounts (HDHP-HSA) – whose access could be preserved by your 2023 passage of the Telehealth Expansion Act.

Patients and clinicians need telehealth to expand access to care and support strong and flexible relationships. Current telehealth flexibilities have played a critical role in promoting access to vital health care services. This is particularly true for patients in rural and underserved areas, patients with mobility issues, and patients with transportation or other limitations that prevent them from accessing in-person care in a timely manner.

Thanks to your leadership and support, patients and clinicians may have more certainty in their access to health care services. We look forward to continuing to support broader efforts to ensure permanent access to telehealth for all Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher Adamec".

Chris Adamec
Executive Director
Alliance for Connected Care