



November 8, 2024

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

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker of the House  
United States Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

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

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Minority Leader  
United States Capitol  
Washington, DDC 20515

Dear Senate Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, and Speaker Johnson, and House Minority Leader Jeffries:

We understand the many competing pressures under which you must finish the 2nd session of the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress. We write to re-emphasize the importance of telehealth to millions of American and seek your continued public commitment to moving forward with a non-controversial, committee-vetted, bipartisan extension of telehealth prior to the lapse of statutory authority in December.

Many Americans are already scheduling medical visits into the new year, while health care practitioners are working to ensure their practices are in full compliance with the law. Both patients and practitioners are looking for the most certainty that can be provided that these services will continue, uninterrupted after the current the statutory deadline of December 31, 2024.

The telehealth policies Congress passed, and subsequently extended in 2022, create significant access for the more than 30 million Americans in Medicare and many of the 33 million Americans in the commercial market. As mentioned in [a group letter](#) earlier this year, ensuring stability for telehealth policy as we ensure the end of CY2024 would:

- Create certainty for Medicare beneficiaries (and the Medicare program), who will otherwise wonder if they will have continued access to clinicians and services they are using virtually.
- Strengthen our national health care workforce by enabling greater number of clinicians to provide telehealth services and allowing for investment in flexible virtual staffing models that address current workforce shortages while maintaining high quality health care.
- Ensure continued investment in the technology tools and infrastructure to offer telehealth services, particularly for smaller providers serving rural and underserved communities – who cannot afford to invest in these tools without an ensure reimbursement pathway.
- Allow health plans and employers to design and offer benefits leveraging telehealth services – particularly for high-deductible health plans offering discounted telehealth services.

As you know, millions of Americans who rely on telehealth services have been relieved to hear your public assurances that we will not allow access to this care to lapse at the end of the year. We write to emphasize



that this public leadership is now more important than ever, and we look forward to supporting your efforts to make this a reality.

Thank you for your leadership.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Adamec".

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