December 11, 2024

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

The Honorable Mitch McConnell Senate Minority Leader United States Senate Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Mike Johnson Speaker of the House United States Capitol Washington, DC 20515

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:

On behalf of the signatories below, we thank you for your ongoing efforts to advance access to health care through telehealth. We write today to re-emphasize the importance of creating predictability by extending current telehealth flexibilities in an end-of-year package for a full year or more.

Both patients and practitioners seek assurance that services will continue without interruption after the statutory deadline of December 31, 2024. Enhanced access to telehealth services serves as a lifeline to patients across the country, allowing patients to access critical health care services even when they have barriers to accessing in-person care, such as weakened immune systems, transportation challenges, geographic distance, and more.

Telehealth is a bipartisan policy, as demonstrated by the broadly supported <u>2022 legislation</u> which extended telehealth flexibilities through 2024. We now face a deadline once again. While our priority is legislation that would establish permanent telehealth policies, we recognize achieving this goal could be a multi-year process. As such, in the meantime, it is imperative that Congress act to extend telehealth flexibilities before the December 31, 2024 expiration date.

As mentioned in <u>a group letter</u> earlier this year, ensuring stability for telehealth policy through CY2025 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 ensured 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.

Telehealth is a strongly supported, bipartisan issue. It is crucial that both the House and Senate continue telehealth flexibilities in the year-end package and extend for as long as possible.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Access TeleCare

Adonis Health, Inc.

Adventist Health

ADVION (formerly National Association for the Support of Long Term Care)

AGMP Telehealth

Akron Children's Hospital

Allergy & Asthma Network

Alliance for Aging Research

Alliance for Connected Care

Alliance for Nursing Informatics

Alliance Mental Health

Alliance of Community Health Plans

Alliance to Fight for Health Care

Allina Health

ALS Association

Amazon

American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology

American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine

American Academy of Neurology

American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

American Academy of Physician Associates

American Academy of Sleep Medicine

American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work

American Association for Respiratory Care

American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation

American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists

American Benefits Council

American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology

American College of Clinical Pharmacy

American Geriatrics Society

American Health Care Association

American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)

American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)

American Nurses Association

American Occupational Therapy Association

American Organization for Nursing Leadership

American Physical Therapy Association

American Psychological Association Services

American Telemedicine Association

American TelePhysicians

American Urological Association

AMGA

Amwell

Anderson Medical Services

Anderson Mental Health Services LLC

Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness

Association of American Medical Colleges

Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses

athenahealth, Inc.

Avail Health

Avel eCare

Avery's Hope

BBennettMD 1 on 1 Virtual Healthcare

Big Cities Health Coalition

Bird on a Wire, LLC

Black Pine Counseling Center

Bold Path Counseling, PLLC

Boulder Care

BreatheSuite

BridgeHope Family Therapy

Bright Side Counseling, LLC

Brownlee Health PLLC

Caregility

Center for Alcohol and Drug Treatment Duluth MN

Center for Telehealth and eHealth Law (CTeL)

Center to Advance Palliative Care

Central Virginia Psychology, PLLC

Chesapeake Psychological Associates

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

ChristianaCare

Circle Home Telehealth Services

CirrusMD Inc.

College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME)

Columbia University Irving Medical Center

Compassion & Choices

Connected Health Initiative

Consumer Technology Association

Contact Health

Continuum Therapy Partners

Convenient Care Association

CopilotIQ

Corstrata, Inc.

Creating Compassion LLC

CSNK2A1 Foundation

Curai, Inc.

Cure CMD

CURE Epilepsy

Current Mind Care, LLC

Deerbrook Counseling

Diabetes Leadership Council

Diabetes Patient Advocacy Coalition

DialCare, LLC

Different MHP, PC

Dogtown Media

Dr Sun Psychiatry LLC

Dravet Syndrome Foundation

Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy, & Action

Emory

Emplify Health

Encounter Telehealth

Epilepsy Alliance America

Epilepsy Foundation of America

Evergreen Psychiatric Services, PLLC

Everywhere Therapy, LLC

ExamMed

EZaccessMD

Fabric Labs, Inc.

flok Health

Florida Health Information Management Association

Forbes Wellness, LLC

FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered

Friends of Parkinson's

Geisinger Health System

GenieMD Medical Group

Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA)

GF Health Services

GO2 for Lung Cancer

Gordon Therapy Services LLC

Grossman & Grossman, Ltd.

Harmony & Unity Mental Health

Harmony Mental Health

Healing Branch Wellness Center, LLC

Healing Tree Counseling

Health Innovation Alliance

HealthTech Dynamics

Heart Failure Society of America

Heartbeat Health

Hello Alpha

Heuplus

Hims & Hers Health, Inc.

HIMSS

Hinge Health

Homeward Health Inc.

Hope for HIE

Howerton Counseling, LLC

HR Policy Association

Hydrocephalus Association

Illinois Telehealth Network

In Harmony Wellness IHW LLC

Included Health, Inc.

Indiana University Health, Inc.

Innovise Consulting

Integrated Telehealth Partners

Integrative Counseling & Wellness

International Myeloma Foundation

International Virtual eHospital

Johns Hopkins Medicine

KeyCare Inc and KeyCare Medical Group

Kohnling,Inc.

Language-Strides LLC

LeadingAge

Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome (LGS) Foundation

LifeMD, Inc.

LMA MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Logan Wellness Advanced Nursing Practice Corp.

Loma Linda University Health

Lotus Integrative Health and Nursing

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LUNGevity Foundation

Maine Primary Care Association

MaineGeneral Health

Marshfield Clinic Health System

Mass General Brigham

Medical University of South Carolina

MedWand Solutions, Inc.

Melanoma Research Foundation

Memorial Sloan Kettering

Mend Physician Services PLLC

Merrifield Therapeutic Counseling Services, LLC

Millennium Rehab and Consulting, Inc

Minnesota Hospital Association

Minnesota ME/CFS Alliance

Monebo Technologies, Inc.

Muscular Dystrophy Association

National Association of Community Health Centers

National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

National Center for Assisted Living

National Eczema Association

National League for Nursing

National Patient Advocate Foundation

National Psychological Association for Psychoanalysis (NPAP)

New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies

New York Institute for Psychoanalytic Self Psychology

NextGen Healthcare

NIM LONGEVITY

Noma Therapy

Northern Neck Life Consultants, PLLC

Northwell Health

Northwestern University

Norton Healthcare

Nursing Informatics Working Group of the American Medical Informatics Association

Omada Health, Inc.

Omaha System

Oncology Nursing Society

Ophelia

OSF HealthCare

Oshi Health

Ovatient

PAN Foundation

Pandemic Patients

Parkview Health

Partnership for Employer-Sponsored Coverage (P4ESC)

Partnership to Advance Virtual Care

Pathways Psychology LLC

Patient-Led Research Collaborative

Pediatric Gastroenterology of Northern Virginia

Pelago

Philips North America

Prevea Health

Preventive Medicine Research Institute

Primary Care Development Corporation

Psychboston

Psychiatric Medical Care

Psychiatric Medical Practitioners, Inc.

Psychotherapy Action Network

QueerDoc

QuickVisit UC

Re-architect Health LLC

REAL Solutions Group

REDC Consortium

Refined Health Solutions LLC

Renewed Outlook Holistic Mental Health and Wellness LLC

Resolve Psychiatric Services

Revive Mental Health Solutions LLC

Rewild PLLC

RightMove Health

Robotic Critical Care Services

Rocket Doctor

RxHomeTest

San Francisco Tech Council

Sanford Health

SCP Health

Shock Therapy Group, LLC

Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council

Social Innovation Ventures

Society for Education and Advancement of Research in Connected Health

South Carolina HIMSS

Southern Illinois University (SIU) School of Medicine

Sovato

Specialist Telemed

Spectrum: The Other Clinic

Spindle Health

Summus

Sunrise Mental Health

Swing Care Provider Group

Sword Health

Taconic Psychiatry

Talkiatry

Teladoc Health

Telehealth Outreach for Unified Community Health-Telehealth Systems Consultants

TeleHealthcareNetwork LLC

TeleMed2U

The Council of Insurance Agents & Brokers

The ERISA Industry Committee

The Global Foundation for Peroxisomal Disorders

The LIBRE Initiative

The Marfan Foundation

The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research

The National Alliance for Care at Home

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons

The Taylor-Austin Group, LLC

Therapy Thursdays PLLC

TheraTec, Inc

Third Eye Health

Thriveworks

Transcarent

TribeHealth, Inc

Trifecta Health Medical Center

UC Davis Health

UCSF Health

University of California Health

University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

University of Michigan Health

University of Mississippi Medical Center Center for Telehealth

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Health System

URAC

Utah Nursing Informatics Network (UNIN)

UVA Health

Validic

Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Vasculitis Foundation

Vesta Healthcare

Virginia Telehealth Network

Virginia Telemental Health Initiative

Virtual Medical Group

Vistas Pediatric and Family Mental Wellness

ViTel Net

WeKonnect, LLC.

Welliti, Inc

Winding Trails Therapy

Workit Health