



December 20, 2022

Ms. Stephanie Loucka  
Executive Director, State Medical Board of Ohio  
30 E. Broad Street, 3rd Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

**RE: ATA ACTION COMMENTS ON PROPOSED TELEHEALTH RULES**

Dear Ms. Loucka:

On behalf of ATA Action, I am writing to express our support for rule 4731-37-01 regarding telehealth.

ATA Action, the American Telemedicine Association's affiliated trade association focused on advocacy, advances policy to ensure all individuals have permanent access to telehealth services across the care continuum. ATA Action supports the enactment of state and federal telehealth coverage and fair payment policies to secure telehealth access for all Americans, including those in rural and underserved communities. ATA Action recognizes that telehealth and virtual care have the potential to truly transform the health care delivery system – by improving patient outcomes, enhancing safety and effectiveness of care, addressing health disparities, and reducing costs – if only allowed to flourish.

Our organization appreciates the Medical Board's attention and collaborative approach to advancing thoughtful telehealth policy. We believe that many provisions in the proposed rules improve and provide further clarity on the state's current regulatory framework for telehealth. We support how the proposed rules have been revised so as to ensure safe, and effective telehealth care delivery in Ohio. We want to thank the Board for including us and other stakeholders in discussions during the rulemaking process.

Thank you again for your consideration and opportunity to provide comments throughout this process. We encourage you to adopt the proposed rules as drafted in the interest of expanding Ohioans' access to high-quality, affordable health care. Please let us know how we can be helpful in your efforts to adopt common-sense telehealth policy in Ohio. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further the telehealth industry's perspective, please contact me at [kzebley@ataaction.org](mailto:kzebley@ataaction.org).

Kind regards,

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ATA Action