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Green – ATA’s Top Priority	Blue – ATA Support	Orange – Other Telehealth Bills of Note
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ATA Action’s Legislative Priorities in the 118th Congress

Issue	Legislation	Sponsor	Summary	ATA Policy Principles Addressed
Tele-Mental Health Services	Telemental Health Care Access Act (H.R. 3432)	Reps. Matsui, Doris [D-CA-6], Johnson, Bill [R- OH-6]	The bill removes the statutory requirement that Medicare beneficiaries be seen in person within six months of being treated for mental health services via telehealth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction. • Expand Access for Underserved and At-risk Populations. • Support Seniors and Expand “Aging in Place.”
Excepted Benefit	Telehealth Benefit Expansion for Workers Act of 2023 (H.R. 824)	Rep DelBene, Suzan (WA-01), Rep. Walberg, Tim (MI-07), Rep. Craig, Angie (MN-01) Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4] Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	Would permanently expand Americans’ access to employer-sponsored health benefits by classifying telehealth as an excepted benefit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction.

<p>HDHP First Dollar Coverage</p>	<p>Telehealth Expansion Act (S.1001, HR 1843)</p>	<p>Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT], Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]</p>	<p>A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the exemption for telehealth services from certain high deductible health plan rules.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction.
<p>Licensure Compacts</p>	<p>States Handling Access to Reciprocity for Employment Act (H.R. 1310)</p>	<p>Rep. Mann, Tracey [R-KS-1] Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2] Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1] Rep. Davis, Donald G. [D-NC-1] Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1] Rep. Tokuda, Jill N. [D-HI-2] Rep. Jackson, Ronny [R-TX-13]</p>	<p>Would authorize the use of FBI criminal history record information for administration of interstate compacts to help increase the number of licensed providers able to serve communities across state lines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction. • Expand Access for Underserved and At-risk Populations.
<p>Medicare Services</p>	<p>Protecting Rural Telehealth Access Act (S.1636, H.R. 3440)</p>	<p>Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV], Sen. Ernst, Joni [R-IA], Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH], Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS], Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1], Rep. McClain, Lisa C. [R-MI-9], Rep. LaTurner, Jake [R-KS-2], Rep. Molinaro, Marcus J. [R-NY-19], Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2], Rep. Nunn, Zachary [R-IA-3]</p>	<p>Permanently waive geographic restrictions in Medicare coverage, allowing patients to be treated in their homes; permanently allow Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to serve as distant sites for providing telehealth services; expand coverage for asynchronous (store-and-forward) telehealth services; and permanent coverage for audio only services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction. • Expand Reimbursement to Incentivize 21st Century Virtual Care. • Expand Access for Underserved and At-risk Populations. • Support Seniors and Expand “Aging in Place.”

Maternal Care	Healthy Moms and Babies Act (S.948)	Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA], Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	Would modernize maternal health care through telehealth to support women of color and women living in rural communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction. • Expand Access for Underserved and At-risk Populations.
Telemental Health	Home-Based Telemental Health Care Act (S.1077)	Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD], Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]. Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR], Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]	This bill would award grants to eligible entities to deliver home-based telemental health services to covered populations; and develop comprehensive metrics to measure the quality and impact of home-based telemental health services compared to traditional in-person mental health care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Access for Underserved and At-risk Populations. • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction.
Medicare Reimbursement	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove geographic requirements and expand originating sites for telehealth services. (HR 134)	Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16] Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6], Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-5]	Would remove geographic requirements and expand originating sites for telehealth services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction. • Expand Reimbursement to Incentivize 21st Century Virtual Care. • Expand Access for Underserved and At-Risk Populations • Support Seniors and Expand “Aging in Place.”
Medicare Reimbursement	Rural Telehealth Expansion Act (HR 197)	Rep. Rosendale Sr., Matthew M. [R-MT-2]	Would expand Medicare to cover store-and-forward telehealth services in all 50 states	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction • Expand Reimbursement

				to Incentivize 21st Century Virtual Care.
Medicare Reimbursement	Advanced Safe Testing at Residence Telehealth Act of 2023 (HR 207)	Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-1]	Would establish a demonstration program to provide assistive telehealth consultations and home- and community-based care for certain Medicare beneficiaries through Medicare Advantage (MA) plans, a grant program for state Medicaid programs to cover similar at-home tests and related telehealth consultations, and requires the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish a pilot program to provide tests and related telehealth consultations free of charge to veterans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction. • Expand Reimbursement to Incentivize 21st Century Virtual Care
Medicare Reimbursement	Expanding Access to Mental Health Services Act (HR 635)	Rep. Rosendale Sr., Matthew M. [R-MT-2]	Would permanently include certain HCPCS codes as telehealth services under Medicare.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction. • Expand Reimbursement to Incentivize 21st Century Virtual Care

Prenatal & Maternal Care	HOPE ACT (H.R. 1126)	Rep. Fischbach, Michelle [R-MN-7]	Would allow for the allocation of grants or cooperative agreements to eligible entities to purchase equipment necessary for carrying out at-home telehealth visits for screening, monitoring, and management of prenatal and postnatal care for the purpose of improving maternal and infant health outcomes, and reducing maternal mortality, by improving access to care in rural areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Access for Underserved and At-Risk Populations • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction.
Digital Equity	Digital Equity Foundation Act of 2023 (S.599)	Sen. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM] Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA] Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN] Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT] Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]*	Would establish a nonprofit foundation to supplement the work of FCC and NTIA to award grants, support research, provide training and education, engage with stakeholders, collect data, and promote policies to improve digital equity outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Access for Underserved and At-Risk Populations • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction.
Medicare Reimbursement	Audio-Only Telehealth for Emergencies Act (S.729)	Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	Would provide for the waiver of certain telehealth requirements to permit reimbursement for audio-only telehealth services under the Medicare program during emergency declarations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction. • Expand Reimbursement to Incentivize 21st Century Virtual Care

Medicare Reimbursement	EASE Behavioral Health Services Act (S.730)	Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	Would provide for Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement for mental and behavioral health treatment through telehealth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction. • Expand Reimbursement to Incentivize 21st Century Virtual Care
HDHP First Dollar Coverage	Telehealth HSA Act (S.731)	Sen. Kennedy, John [R-LA]	Would make permanent the permissible first-dollar coverage of telehealth services for purposes of health savings accounts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction. • Expand Reimbursement to Incentivize 21st Century Virtual Care
Telehealth Study	KEEP Telehealth Options Act of 2023 (H.R. 1110)	Rep. Balderson, Troy [R-OH-12], Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3], Rep. Hinson, Ashley [R-IA-2], Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	Bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, and the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission to conduct studies and report to Congress on actions taken to expand access to telehealth services under the Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP programs during the COVID-19 emergency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Reimbursement to Incentivize 21st Century Virtual Care. • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction. • Ensure Program Integrity.

<p>Medicare Reimbursement</p>	<p>Expanding Care in the Home Act (H.R. 2853)</p>	<p>Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3], Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-6], Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]</p>	<p>Improve the feasibility for primary care doctors to deliver home-based care, bringing house calls back to Medicare beneficiaries; expand access to home infusion services by addressing fragmentation and affordability; and bolster the accessibility and affordability of home dialysis for kidney patients</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Reimbursement to Incentivize 21st Century Virtual Care. • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction.
<p>Veterans Affairs</p>	<p>CHARGE Act of 2023 (S.1436)</p>	<p>Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT], Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]</p>	<p>Expand and extend benefits available to veterans during the COVID-19 PHE, including telehealth services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction