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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
Medicare Services	CONNECT for Health Act H.R. 4189 , S. 2016)	Sens. Schatz, Brian [D-HI], Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS], Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD], Thune, John [R-SD], Warner, Mark R. [D-VA] Hyde-Smith, Cindy [R-MS]; Reps. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-4], Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-7], Schweikert, David [R-AZ-1], Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6]	This bill would make permanent a majority of the Medicare flexibilities implemented during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency including permanent removal of the geographic & originating sites restrictions; allowing federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics to provide telehealth services; allowing more eligible health care professionals to utilize telehealth services ; the removal of the unnecessary in-person visit requirement for telemental health services; allowing for the waiver of telehealth restrictions during public health emergencies	<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.” • Enhance Provider Autonomy. • Expand Reimbursement to Incentivize 21st Century Virtual Care.

Tele-Mental Health Services	Tele mental 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.
HDHP First Dollar Coverage	Telehealth Expansion Act (S.1001 , HR 1843)	Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT], Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]; Rep. Steel, Michelle [R-CA-45], Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction.
SUD/ODU Treatment	TREATS Act (H.R. 5163)	Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6], Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	Would make permanent the waiver allowing Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) to be prescribed without an initial in-person visit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction.

RPM/RTM Coverage	Expanding Remote Monitoring Access Act (H.R. 5394)	Rep. Balderson, Troy [R-OH-12], Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-47], Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2], Rep. Murphy, Gregory [R-NC-3]	Would extend the remote monitoring two-day data collection minimum over a 30-day period for two years.	<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.”
Medicare Services	HEALTH Act (HR 5611)	Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15], Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	Would provide for permanent payments for telehealth services furnished by Federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics under the Medicare program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction. • Expand Access for Underserved and At-risk Populations. • Expand Reimbursement to Incentivize 21st Century Virtual Care.
Medicare Services	Expanded Telehealth Access Act (H.R. 3875 , S.2880)	Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11], Rep. Harshbarger, Diana [R-TN-1]; Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT], Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN], Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK], Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV], Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	This bill would permanently allow all therapist services rendered via telehealth to be reimbursed by Medicare and give the HHS secretary authority to expand the list of telehealth providers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction. • Expand Access for Underserved and At-risk Populations.

Licensure Compacts	States Handling Access to Reciprocity for Employment Act (H.R. 1310)	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]	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction. • Expand Access for Underserved and At-risk Populations.
Medicare Services	Protecting Rural Telehealth Access Act (S.1636 , H.R. 3440)	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]	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	<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.

Underserved communities	Tech to Save Moms Act (S.1699)	Sens. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ], Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	Invests in technology to improve maternal health outcomes for underserved populations, including testing telehealth models in maternity care services, providing grants to expand technology-enabled collaborative learning and capacity models to help pregnant and postpartum women, and authorizing grants to increase access to digital tools.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction. • Enhance Provider Autonomy. • 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.
Maternal Health	Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act (H.R. 3305 , S.1606)	Reps. Lauren Underwood [D-IL-14], Alma S. Adams [D-NC-12]; Sen. Cory Booker [D-NJ]	Encourages CMMI to consider the adoption and use of telehealth tools to support screening, monitoring, and management of common pregnancy-related complications during pregnancy and in the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction. • Enhance Provider Autonomy. • Expand Access for Underserved and At-risk Populations.

			postpartum period. Grants to promote equity in maternal health outcomes through digital tools.	
Digital Therapeutics	Access to Prescription Digital Therapeutics Act of 2023 (S. 723 , H.R. 1458)	Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH] Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV], Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ], Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN], Sen. Budd, Ted [R-NC]; Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1], Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-4]	This bill provides for Medicare and Medicaid coverage of prescription digital therapeutics (i.e., software applications that are used to prevent, manage, or treat medical conditions).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction • Expand Reimbursement to Incentivize 21st Century Virtual Care.
Interstate Licensure	TREAT Act (H.R. 5541)	Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5], Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-6]	Would provide temporary licensing reciprocity for telehealth and interstate health care treatment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction • Expand Access for Underserved and At-Risk Populations
Remote Monitoring Study	Remote Opioid Monitoring Act (HR 4093)	Reps. Balderson, Troy [R-OH-12], Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	This bill would require the U.S. Comptroller General to conduct a study and submit a report to Congress on the use of remote monitoring with respect to individuals who are prescribed opioids.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction • Expand Access for Underserved and At-Risk Populations

<p>Medicare Reimbursement</p>	<p>To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove geographic requirements and expand originating sites for telehealth services. (HR 134)</p>	<p>Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16] Rep. Johnson, Bill [R-OH-6], Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-5]</p>	<p>Would remove geographic requirements and expand originating sites for telehealth services</p>	<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.”
<p>Medicare Reimbursement</p>	<p>Rural Telehealth Expansion Act (HR 197)</p>	<p>Rep. Rosendale Sr., Matthew M. [R-MT-2]</p>	<p>Would expand Medicare to cover store-and-forward telehealth services in all 50 states</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction • Expand Reimbursement to Incentivize 21st Century Virtual Care.
<p>Medicare Reimbursement</p>	<p>Advanced Safe Testing at Residence Telehealth Act of 2023 (HR 207)</p>	<p>Rep. Schweikert, David [R-AZ-1]</p>	<p>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.</p>	<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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Reimbursement to Incentivize 21st Century Virtual Care. • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction. • Ensure Program Integrity.

			to telehealth services under the Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP programs during the COVID-19 emergency	
Medicare Reimbursement	Expanding Care in the Home Act (H.R. 2853)	Rep. Smith, Adrian [R-NE-3], Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-6], Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Reimbursement to Incentivize 21st Century Virtual Care. • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction.
Veterans Affairs	CHARGE Act of 2023 (S.1436)	Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT], Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	Expand and extend benefits available to veterans during the COVID-19 PHE, including telehealth services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Patient Choice, Access, and Satisfaction