



March 10, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair, House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Statement in Support for Telehealth Provisions in Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025

On behalf of ATA Action, the American Telemedicine Association's affiliated trade organization, we support the Continuing Resolution (CR), particularly the provisions extending Medicare telehealth flexibilities and the Acute Hospital Care at Home Program through September 30, 2025. These essential bipartisan policies, originally implemented under President Trump's leadership in collaboration with Congress during his first term, have been instrumental in expanding access to high quality, convenient, and affordable care for millions of Americans. We commend Congress and President Trump for their continued commitment to virtual care and urge swift passage of this CR before March 31, 2025, to prevent any disruption in patient access.

In addition, although the Medicare telehealth flexibilities and the Acute Hospital Care at Home Program have been maintained, there have already been gaps in care for countless patients, as additional key telehealth provisions expired over the past few years including:

- **First dollar coverage of High-Deductible Health Plans-HSAs** (expired 12/2024): Over 32 million Americans will have to pay out-of-pocket for telehealth services, making it unaffordable for many and potentially leading to delayed care and health complications.
- **Telehealth as an excepted benefit** (expired 12/2023): Part-time or contracted employees who didn't qualify for full healthcare coverage can no longer access telehealth services, creating a significant gap in care for many workers.
- **In-Home cardiopulmonary services** (expired 5/2023): Hundreds of thousands of patients are now without access to essential rehabilitation services, many having to forgo treatment, which can lead to worsened health outcomes.
- **Expansion of the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP)**: Currently, the MDPP has a restriction on the types of suppliers that can participate, excluding virtual-only suppliers. We urge Congress to expand this program and allow all CDC-recognized delivery modalities, including virtual diabetes prevention platforms and suppliers, to participate in the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program.

These gaps in care have already begun to strain healthcare systems, increase patient anxiety, and lead to worse health outcomes for many. ATA Action asks Congress to restate these policies and extend the Medicare telehealth flexibilities and Acute Hospital Care at Home Program as soon as possible.

We are excited to collaborate with you on these important matters both now and in the future. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let us know. We are here to support you as you work through these key provisions.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyle Zebley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the last letter.

Kyle Zebley
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