



February 16, 2026

The Honorable Thaddeus Jones
Chairperson, House Insurance Committee
Illinois General Assembly
241-E Stratton Office Building
Springfield, IL 62706

RE: ATA ACTION OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 4331

Dear Chairperson Jones and Members of the House Insurance Committee,

On behalf of ATA Action, I am writing to you to express our concerns regarding House Bill 4331 and to request that you do not advance this legislation.

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.

House Bill 4331 would prohibit telehealth providers from charging for services or care not rendered during a telehealth visit, including exams that are not possible to perform on a patient at a remote location such as taking measurements of a patient's blood pressure. This legislation undermines patient access to care via remote-patient monitoring (RPM) and runs counter to good telehealth policy, conflicts with existing Illinois statute and would cut off reimbursement for patients currently receiving care in Illinois.

Coverage and reimbursement for RPM services and devices allows patients to receive the care they need with reduced stress regarding the financial implications of care. RPM coverage and reimbursement is particularly beneficial for patients in rural and underserved communities who otherwise could face long, inconvenient trips for care to their provider when the same care could be provided from the ease of their home or work. ATA Action supports efforts to expand access to RPM services and is disappointed to see Illinois considering legislation which would move the state backwards, out of step with what states across the country are doing.

Additionally, this legislation is also not aligned with the Illinois Telehealth Act, creating confusion for providers and patients. Section (a) of HB 4331 states that "telehealth services" has the same meaning found in Section 5 of the Telehealth Act. The definition present in Section 5 of the Telehealth Act clearly states that "'Telehealth services' includes telemedicine and the delivery of health care services, including mental health treatment and substance use disorder treatment and services to a patient, regardless of patient location, provided by way of an interactive telecommunications system, asynchronous store and forward system, remote patient monitoring technologies, e-visits, or virtual check-ins."¹ Furthermore,

¹ PROFESSIONS, OCCUPATIONS, AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS (225 ILCS 150/) Telehealth Act.
<https://www.ilga.gov/Legislation/ILCS/Articles?ActID=3807&ChapterID=24>



nothing in this definition, nor that of “asynchronous care” or “remote patient monitoring,” include any requirement for RPM services to be conducted during a telehealth visit.

ATA Action is also concerned about how this legislation could impact ongoing coverage and reimbursement for patients currently benefiting from RPM coverage in Illinois. For example, Illinois Medicaid currently covers services and technology such as continuous glucose monitoring, home uterine monitoring, pregnancy-induced hypertension monitors and to assist in community-integrated living arrangements— under certain conditions. Passage of this legislation could not only disrupt reimbursement for this ongoing care but hinder future patient access to important and innovative RPM services.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We encourage you not to pass this legislation in the interest of ensuring continued patient access to quality telehealth through RPM services in Illinois. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to assist you in your efforts to adopt practical telemedicine policy in Illinois. If you have any questions or would like to engage in additional discussion regarding the telemedicine industry’s perspective, please contact me at kzebley@ataaction.org.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hunter Young" in a cursive script.

Hunter Young
Head of State Government Relations
ATA Action