August 11, 2025

The Honorable John Thune Senate Majority Leader United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer Senate Minority Leader United States Senate Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Mike Johnson

Speaker of the House United States Capitol Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries

Minority Leader United States Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senate Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Johnson, and House Minority Leader Jeffries:

On behalf of the signatories below, we thank you for your ongoing efforts to advance access to health care through telehealth. We write today to request your leadership in ensuring Medicare beneficiaries are able to access the same telehealth services that they have been relying on for the past five years. While we strongly support making Medicare telehealth access permanent, if that's not achievable at this time, we urge Congress to approve the longest possible extension. At a minimum, a two-year extension is needed to ensure stability and provide clarity for patients, providers, and the health care system as a whole.

Telehealth is a continuation of standing, bipartisan policy over the last five years and will not lead to new costs. Access to telehealth services serve as a lifeline to Medicare beneficiaries across the country, allowing patients to access critical health care services even when they have barriers to accessing inperson care, such as weakened immune systems, neurodegenerative disorders, and chronic conditions, which can make travel and in-person visits especially burdensome. Both patients and practitioners seek assurance that services will remain available, as they have for the past five years.

It is essential that Congress act swiftly to prevent the expiration of Medicare telehealth services this September, providing sufficient lead time to ensure continuity of care and avoid disruptions for patients and practitioners. We applaud recent action that made permanent access to telehealth services in the commercial market, and urge you to do the same for Medicare beneficiaries. As mentioned in <u>previous letters</u>, ensuring stability for telehealth policy will:

- Provide certainty for Medicare beneficiaries (and the Medicare program), who will otherwise have to plan for the loss of access to clinicians and services they are using virtually.
- Strengthen our national health care workforce by enabling greater number of clinicians to provide telehealth services and allowing for investment in flexible virtual staffing models that address current workforce shortages while maintaining high quality health care.
- Encourage ongoing investment in the technology tools and infrastructure to offer telehealth services, particularly for smaller providers serving rural and underserved communities – who cannot afford to invest in these tools without an ensured reimbursement pathway.

Telehealth is a strongly supported, bipartisan issue. It is crucial that both the House and Senate pass permanent or long-term telehealth provisions to ensure stable access to health care services.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Adventist Health

Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed)

ADVION (formerly National Association for the Support of Long-Term Care)

Advocate Health

**AGMP Telehealth** 

Alliance for Connected Care

Abbott House

Access TeleCare

**Adelante Clinical Services** 

Alliance for Headache Disorders Advocacy

Alliance Mental Health

Alliance of Community Health Plans

Allina Health

**ALS Association** 

AltaMed Health Services

Amazon

American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology

American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine

American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

American Academy of Physician Associates

American Academy of Sleep Medicine

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

American Association for Respiratory Care

American Association of Critical-Care Nurses

American Association of Nurse Practitioners

American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists

American Association on Health and Disability

American Clinical Neurophysiology Society

American College of Emergency Physicians

American College of Gastroenterology

American College of Lifestyle Medicine

American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics

American Gastroenterological Association

American Headache Society

American Health Care Association

American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)

**American Heart Association** 

American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)

American Migraine Foundation

**American Nurses Association** 

American Occupational Therapy Association

American Osteopathic Association

American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA)

American Physical Therapy Association

American Psychiatric Association

American Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgery

American Society of Hematology

American Society of Pediatric Nephrology

American Society of Regional Anesthesia and Pain Medicine

American Telemedicine Association

American Urological Association Urology Telehealth and Technology Committee

**AMGA** 

AmplifyMD

**Anderson Medical Services LLC** 

Anderson Mental Health Services LLC

Ascension

Assisted Recovery Centers of America (ARCA)

Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness

Association for Clinical Oncology

**Association of American Cancer Institutes** 

Association of American Medical Colleges

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Avail Health

Avel eCARE

Avery's Hope

BBennettMD 1 on 1 Virtual Healthcare

**BDSRA** Foundation

Beacon Health

Better Wellness Counseling and Consulting LLC

Bicycle Health

Billings Clinic Logan Health

**Borland Groover Clinic** 

Breathe Better Rehab LLC

BreatheSuite

**Brownlee Health PLLC** 

Cadence

**Cancer Support Community** 

Carda Health

Care Simplified PLLC

CareTeam Health

Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC)

Cerebral Palsy Assns. of NYS (CP State)

Chesapeake Psychological Associates

Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

**Chronic Migraine Awareness** 

CirrusMD

Clinical Social Work Association

Coalition for Headache and Migraine Patients (CHAMP)

Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations

College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME)

Columbia University Irving Medical Center

Compassion & Choices

**Compassion Recovery** 

Complete Behavioral Health, PLLC

Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals

Connected Health Initiative

Connected Home Living

**Consumer Technology Association** 

**Convenient Care Association** 

Coopersmith Counseling Center

Corewell Health

Corstrata, Inc.

Cuire CMD

Curai Health

Cure VCP Disease

Current Mind Care, LLC

Danielle Byron Henry Migraine Foundation

Dartmouth Health

Dermatologist On Call

Diabetes Leadership Council

**Diabetes Patient Advocacy Coalition** 

Different MHP, PC

Doctronic Physicians Group, P.C.

Dogtown Media LLC

**DPC Coalition** 

**Duke Health** 

Dysautonomia International

Eagle Telemedicine

Easterseals, Inc.

**Emergency Department Practice Management Association** 

**Encounter Telehealth** 

**Epilepsy Alliance America** 

**Epilepsy Foundation of America** 

Essentia Health

EssilorLuxottica

ExamMed

**Experience Counseling** 

**Facial Pain Association** 

Fairview Health Services

Federation of American Hospitals

Fields Psychological, LLC

Fisher-Titus Health

Florida Health Information Management Association

Forbes Wellness, LLC

FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered

Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA)

Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA)

Gilda's Club South Florida

GO2 for Lung Cancer

Gordon Therapy Services LLC

**GRIN2B Foundation** 

Grossman & Grossman Therapy Ltd

Guide to Wellness LLC

**Guiding Hand Counseling** 

Hazel Health

**HCU Network America** 

Headache Cooperative of the Pacific

Health Care Advocates International

Health Innovation Alliance

Health Recovery Solutions, Inc.

Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)

Healthcare Leadership Council

Heart Failure Society of America

**Heartbeat Health** 

Helio Health

Hello Alpha

**Holding Hope Counseling Center** 

Holland and Associates Counseling, PLLC.

Hope Behavioral Wellness LLC

Hope for HIE

Hope in Pain, Inc.

**Hydrocephalus Association** 

**IMPOWER** 

In-Tuitt Behavioral Health Services

Indiana University Health Medical Group

Indiana University Health, Inc.

**Integrated Telehealth Partners** 

Intermountain Health

International Myeloma Foundation

International OCD Foundation

Johns Hopkins University and Medicine

Kaizen Mindset

KeyCare

KMA SERVICES LLC

Kohnling, Inc.

Lakeshore Foundation

Lakewood Health System

Language Strides LLC

LeadingAge

Lifebridge Health

LifeMD, Inc.

Logan Wellness Advanced Nursing Practice Corp.

Loma Linda University Health

LT Telehealth/LocumTenens.com

Mae Mental Wellness, LLC

Magruder Hospital

MaineGeneral Health

MaineGeneral Medical Center

MaineHealth

Marshfield Clinic Health System

Maryland Rural Health Association

Mass General Brigham

Mayo Clinic

Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute

Medical Group Management Association (MGMA)

MedStar Health

Metamorphosis Psychology Group

Miles for Migraine

Mind & Bodhi, PC

Minnesota Hospital Association

My Gene Counsel

myLaurel Health

Nancy W Brockman LCSW/Peace of Mind Inc

National Alliance for Care at Home

National Alliance on Mental Illness

National Association of Community Health Centers

**National Association of Epilepsy Centers** 

National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

National Association of Rehab Providers & Agencies

National Association of Social Workers

National Center for Assisted Living

National Council for Mental Wellbeing

National Council of State Boards of Nursing

National Eczema Association

National Headache Foundation

National Health Care for the Homeless Council

National Health Council

National League for Nursing

National Partnership for Healthcare and Hospice Innovation

National Rural Health Association

**Nest Collaborative** 

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Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies

New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc.

Newtown Internal Medicine (NIM)

NIM Longevity

Noma Therapy

Northern Arizona Healthcare

Northside Medical professionals

Northwell Health

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Oklahoma State University Virtual Care

Omada Health, Inc.

**Oncology Nursing Society** 

Oscar Health

Oshi Health

Pair Team

Palmetto Care Connections

**PAN Foundation** 

Paragon Behavioral Health

Parkinson's Foundation

Partnership to Advance Virtual Care (PAVC)

Patient Led Research Collaborative

Peace of Mind Inc.

Pediatric Gastroenterology of Northern Virginia

PM Healthcare Consulting, LLC

**PMPITeleMed** 

Population Health Alliance

Premier Health

Premier Inc.

Presbyterian Healthcare Services

Preventive Medicine Research Institute

Primary Care Development Corporation

**Priority Health** 

**PROVAIL** 

Psychboston

Psychiatric Medical Care

Psychiatric Medical Practitioners, Inc

Psychotherapy Action Network (PsiAN)

QuickVisit URGENT Care

Re-architect Health LLC

Recora, Inc.

**REDC Consortium** 

**Redwood Pulmonary Medical Associates** 

**Rocket Doctor** 

Rowllins Mental Health and Wellness Center LLC

Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative

RxHomeTest

Sacred Space Psychiatry

Sanford Health

SC My Care

Senior Care Therapy

Shadow Mountain Mental Health

Shock Therapy Group, LLC

Shoreline Wellness Center

Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council

**Social Innovation Ventures** 

Society of General Internal Medicine

Southcoast Health

Southern Illinois University (SIU) School of Medicine

Sovato

**Spectrum Psychological Services** 

Spindle Health

SSM Health

St. Luke's Health System

Stanford Health Care

Stanford Medicine Children's Health

Still Waters Psychiatry

STXBP1 Foundation

**Summit Healthcare Association** 

Sunrise Mental Health

Susan G. Komen

Swing Therapeutics, Inc.

swyMed Incorporated

Synchronous Mental Health

Talkiatry

Tanner Health

Teladoc Health

Teledigm Health

Telehealth Advisory Group, LLC

Telehealth.org

**Texas Health Resources** 

The Center for Discovery

The Coalition for Headache and Migraine Patients (CHAMP)

The ERISA Industry Committee

The LIBRE Initiative

The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons

The Taylor-Austin Group, LLC

The Trevor Project

TidalHealth, Inc

Tidemark Therapy PLLC

tMED - The Massachusetts Telemedicine Coalition

Transcarent

Transcendental Wellness, PLLC

Transformative Healthcare

Tri-Area Community Health

TribeHealth

Trinity Rehabilitation Services, LLC

U.S. Pain Foundation

**Ubuntu Psychological Services** 

Uniti Health

University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

University of Maryland Medical System

University of Maryland School of Medicine

University of Michigan Health

University of Mississippi Medical Center, Center for Telehealth

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Health System

**Uplift Counseling** 

**URAC** 

**UVA Health** 

**UW Medicine** 

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Valley Regional

**VCU Health System Authority** 

Vital Voice and Speech LLC

ViTel Net

WeKonnect, LLC.

Welliti

WellLink Health Alliance

Wind River Parkinson's Group

Workit Health

Yale New Haven Health System