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The Honorable Terrance C. Cole  
Administrator  
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U.S. Department of Justice  
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Dear Director Vought and Administrator Cole,

We write to express our deep concern about the impending lapse of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) telemedicine flexibility that has allowed patients to safely access needed medications. We appreciate that a fourth temporary extension is pending and currently under OMB review. We strongly urge you to immediately act to prevent avoidable lapses in treatment and protect continuity of care for millions who rely on these services.

Since expanded by the Trump Administration, telemedicine has proven to be a lifeline by allowing providers to reach patients where they are, reducing delays in treatment, and improving outcomes. We have seen firsthand how technology-enabled care strengthens the provider-patient relationship, increases adherence to treatment plans, and helps patients lead healthier lives. This progress must not be undone.

Congress has long required DEA to establish a Special Registration process that balances patient access with appropriate safeguards against misuse. Authorized in the 2008 Ryan Haight Act and reinforced by the 2018 SUPPORT Act, this process remains unfulfilled after 17 years. A thoughtful Special Registration framework would give providers the ability to care for patients responsibly while ensuring DEA has the tools it needs to prevent inappropriate prescribing. We urge you to continue to work with Congress on a path forward for permanent access to controlled medications via telehealth.

**With only 25 days remaining before these critical telemedicine authorities expire, patients and providers are facing unacceptable uncertainty and the real risk of care disruptions.** Providers are scheduling appointments with patients at least 30 days in advance. Any delay in the DEA policymaking will create confusion among patients, cancellations, and abrupt treatment gaps. These flexibilities have been essential for maintaining continuity of care, particularly for those with mental and behavioral health needs, over the past five years.

In the long-term, we encourage DEA to fully engage with stakeholders in a discussion of the policy barriers to patient care and to collect medical provider feedback on safeguards that mitigate real-world risks of diversion.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue and for working with the provider and patient community to protect access to care.

Sincerely,

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Advanced Care Basic  
AdventHealth  
Adventist Health  
Adventist Health Policy Association  
AGMP Telehealth  
AiArthritis  
Alliance for Connected Care  
Alliance Mental Health  
ALS Association  
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine  
American Academy of Neurology  
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
American Academy of Sleep Medicine  
American Association of Nurse Practitioners  
American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists  
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American Health Care Association  
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Child Neurology Foundation  
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Diabetes Patient Advocacy Coalition  
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Digital Medicine Society (DiMe)  
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DreamCloud Psychiatry  
Driscoll Children's Health System  
Dup15q Alliance  
Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action  
Eleanor Health  
Emory Healthcare  
Emplify Health  
Encounter Telehealth  
Epilepsy Alliance America  
Epilepsy Foundation of America  
Essentia Health  
Florida Health Information Management Association  
Forbes Wellness, LLC  
FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered  
GABA-A Alliance  
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association  
GNB1 Advocacy Group, Inc.  
Hazel Health  
Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)  
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Integrated Telehealth Partners  
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Johns Hopkins University & Medicine  
KCNQ2 Cure Alliance  
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Language Strides LLC  
Layh & Associates, Inc  
LeadingAge  
LifeMD, Inc.  
Lifepoint Health  
LMA Mental Health Services.  
Logan Wellness Advanced Nursing Practice Corp.  
Loma Linda University Health  
LT Telehealth/LocumTenens.com  
Mass General Brigham  
Massachusetts Health Data Consortium  
Mayo Clinic  
Medical Group Management Association  
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Moving Mountains - Mental Health & Recovery, PLLC  
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Satori Mental Health LLC  
Shadow Mountain Mental Health  
Shock Therapy Group, LLC  
SLC6A1 Connect  
SNAP25.org  
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Southern Comfort Psychiatric Services, LLC  
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STXBP1 Foundation  
Summit Healthcare Association  
Synchronous Mental Health  
TeleHealthcare Network  
TeleMed2U  
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The Center for Discovery, Inc  
The Coalition for Headache and Migraine Patients (CHAMP)  
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Wisconsin Hospital Association  
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