

Ginny and Jen,

Both House Health Care and Human Services Committees have reviewed your committee's latest draft of H. 742. Thank you for your committee's work.

We have several suggestions we would like Senate H&W to consider incorporating into your final draft. We believe that these suggestions strengthen H. 742 and will be happy to explain them at the 2pm meeting.

The first suggestion comes from both committees. It replaces Sections 4,5, and 6 as your draft did, but replaces them with language which we believe contains important legislative intent, while realizing that the bill does not have to grant explicit emergency authority.

The next three suggestions come from the House Health Care Committee.

We are hearing from provider representatives regarding Sections 2, who are asking for this section to be removed from the bill, out of fears that they may not be able to fill these directives in all emerging emergency situations. If this section is to be included in the bill, we feel strongly that modifying language such as "to the extent feasible" - or stronger language - must be included. This are emerging serious emergency situations, where all equipment may not be available, and when providers cannot be compelled to act in a way that becomes literally impossible.

The GMCB section should be narrowed to the COVID19 emergency situation.

Lastly, the waiver re telehealth should make very clear, once again, "to the extent practicable". Putting this into the intro language makes this explicitly clear upon first reading.

We recognize the pressures you are operating under, with other suggestions also coming your way.

We respectfully ask for these suggestions to be considered today at 2pm.

The actual attachment may need to come under a separate email from Anne Donahue. My computer appears unable to send it.

Bill Lippert