

Dear Members of House Health Care Committee,

I am writing to advocate for ongoing reimbursement for TELEPHONE ONLY medical services now and continuing on as we move forward from Covid.

I am a daily physician and this option has been a life line for my patients who do not have access to computers or video.

It has been incredibly helpful to connect with them during this stressful time and discuss their symptoms, concerns, offer support and a plan with regular follow up.

This has significantly helped to keep people from going out into the community during Covid AND has significantly helped the mental health concerns that many people are having now.

I think for people to be able to feel connected and get their concerns addressed in the comfort of their own home is an enormous advantage for people struggling with anxiety and depression.

It is not fare to expect these patients who struggle financially and often physically and emotionally to be forced to leave their homes, find transportation in order to see their provider.

Thank you for your support in continuing to make this a priority going forward

Thank you

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