

Dear House Health Care Committee,

As you well know those of us working in primary care medical homes care primarily about our patients and getting them what they need in the right time frame with as little trouble as possible for them.

Telehealth has dramatically improved the connection between PCP and patient and especially serves certain groups: those hindered by poor transportation access, mentally ill, homeless and also busy working families. Telehealth and Audio only visits allow us to serve more patients in the same amount of time without overextending our office staff and space.

Recording a telehealth visit with open consent helps us track every detail discussed in the appointment, document the salient information and then move on efficiently to the next patient. I spend hours on documentation. It is the largest threat to my longevity in practice right now, and I doubt I am alone amongst Vermont providers.

Please pass H.84 to allow for this practice to flourish and know we perform tele health as an option for patients but still always open our doors to see them in person!!

Sincerely Yours,

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