

February 27, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
House Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Thune, Leader Schumer, and Leader Jeffries:

The undersigned stakeholders – representing employers, patient advocates, health care companies, health care providers, consumer groups, and other stakeholders – appreciate Congress’ work to respond to the urgent health care needs of our country, especially your efforts to expand access to care and improve affordability by allowing employers and health plans to offer telehealth services pre-deductible. The expanded flexibilities for Health Savings Account-eligible plans, first enacted in 2020 and subsequently extended to the end of 2024, have helped millions of Americans access the care they need.

Regrettably, Congress failed to address this [popular](#) provision, which expired at the end of 2024. Employers are now required to charge employees more to access telehealth services, creating a barrier to care, including tele-mental health and other specialty care. The nation’s [growing](#) mental health crisis demonstrates that Americans need more access to affordable mental and behavioral health services, not less. Importantly, 98% of [employers](#) say maintaining this telehealth flexibility would be beneficial for their plans and covered employees and their families, with 72% stating that it would be “important” or “very important.”

The more than 300 signatories below urge Congress to immediately pass legislation to make this flexibility permanent retroactive to January 1, 2025. There is bipartisan, bicameral support in Congress to extend the flexibility for plans and employers to offer telehealth pre-deductible.

Telehealth Expands Access to Mental Health Care

In 2025, 81% of [employers](#) intend to offer employees and their dependents access to lower- or no-cost mental health support through their tele-mental health provider. This access is critical to supporting employee and family mental health needs and contributes to the call by nearly all employers to make permanent this important provision. Without permanent flexibility, employees will face higher out-of-pocket costs to access this care, creating another barrier to necessary treatment.

Employers remain committed to the mental health and emotional well-being of their employees and virtual care is a key tool to meet those commitments. In 2023, 74% of [large employers](#) named expanding behavioral healthcare access as an important or very important priority for the next three to five years. Employers want to ensure their workers can continue to access these services at no or low costs. In fact, the latest [survey](#) data shows two-thirds of employers view virtual health as having a significant impact on health care in the future.

Employees Want Continued Access to Telehealth Services

Employees do not want to lose access to pre-deductible telehealth benefits. In a December 2022 [survey](#), 78% said the flexibility made it easier to seek out needed health care services and 73% said “Congress should make permanent the provisions that allowed for coverage of telehealth services before paying their full deductible.”

The [support](#) for affordable telehealth and tele-mental health is strong. Allowing employers and health plans to continue offering these important services pre-deductible improves affordability and expands access. **We laud the bipartisan cosponsors for their work, and we urge Congress to act now to enact legislation that will make permanent this important flexibility.**

Sincerely,

Academy of International Mobile Healthcare Integration (AIMHI)

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Air Conditioning Contractors of America

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Alliance for Aging Research

Alliance for Connected Care

Alliance for Headache Disorders Advocacy

Alliance to Fight for Health Care

Alliant Insurance Services

Alpha-1 Foundation

ALS Association

AltaMed Health Services

Amazon

AMC Networks Inc.

American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work

American Association for Respiratory Care

American Benefits Council

American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics

American Fidelity Corporation

American Medical Informatics Association

American Mental Health Counselors Association
American Residential Services
American Telemedicine Association
American Woodmark
Amwell
Aon
Apple
Argentum
Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness
Association of Benefit Administrators
Asynhealth Inc
AT&T
ATA Action
Behaivior
BenefitsTec
Bicycle Health Medical Group
Bicycle Health, Inc.
Blue Cross Blue Shield Association
Business Group on Health
Business Roundtable
Caliber
California Agents and Health Insurance Professionals (CAHIP)
California Health Care Coalition
California Schools VEBA
Capital One
CarMax
Caspers Company
CC Industries
CGS Family Partnership
Church of God Benefits Board (Cleveland, TN)
Cigna
CirrusMD
Columbia University Irving Medical Center
Compassion & Choices
Concordia Plan Services
Consumer Health Alliance
Consumer Technology Association
CopilotIQ
Corporate Health Care Coalition
Council for Affordable Health Coverage
Covington Chamber of Commerce
Cox Enterprises, Inc.
CPR Financial & Insurance Services, Inc.
Crayola LLC
Cubic Corporation
Curai, Inc.

Cure CMD
Deere & Company
DFW Business Group on Health
DialCare LLC
Dickinson Wright PLLC
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Digital Medicine Society (DiMe)
Direct Primary Care Coalition
Dogtown Media
Doosan Bobcat North America
Dorsey & Whitney LLP
Dow, Inc.
Eagle Telemedicine
eBay, Inc.
Economic Alliance for Michigan
Elevance Health
Emmanuel Faith Community Church, Inc.
Employers Council on Flexible Compensation (ECFC)
Employers' Advanced Cooperative on Healthcare
Energy Transfer LP
Entergy
eVisit
Fast DOC LLC
Fidelity Investments
Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value
Floridians for Accountability in Health Care,
FMI - The Food Industry Association
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Galileo
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GenieMD, Inc.
Gesundheit Advisors LLC
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Health Care Service Corporation
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Health Intelligence Partners
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HealthCareTN
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HERE N.A. LLC
Hinge Health
Houston Business Coalition on Health
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HSA Coalition
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IBM
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Identity Insights, LLC
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Mental Health America
Mercer
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Michigan Neurological Association
Midwest Business Group on Health
Miles for Migraine
Minnesota Hospital Association
MLD Foundation
Monebo Technologies, Inc
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Mutual of Omaha Life Insurance Company
My Gene Counsel
NABIP (Benefits and Insurance Professionals)
National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions
National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT)
National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Association of Social Workers
National Church Residences
National Employers Association
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Nest Collaborative
Networking Technologies and Support, Inc.
Nevada Business Group on Health
New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc.
New Jersey Clinical Consulting
NewBridge Services
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Niagara Bottling, LLC
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North Carolina Business Coalition on Health
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NRECA - America's Electric Cooperatives
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Ohio Chamber of Commerce
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Partnership to Advance Virtual Care (PAVC)
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Psychotherapy Action Network
Purchaser Business Group on Health (PBGH)
PursueCare
Qualtrics
Quantum Services Group LLC
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Rehabilitation & Community Providers Association of PA RCPA
Retail Industry Leaders Association
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Rhode Island Business Group on Health
Rula Health
Rural Hospital Coalition
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Sony Interactive Entertainment
Soulful Recovery
St. Louis Area Business Health Coalition
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Texas Business Group on Health
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The ERISA Industry Committee
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
The Health Care Blog
The Oklahoma Business Coalition on Health
The Trevor Project
The Wagner Law Group
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