Tell the Senate to extend Medicare telehealth payment and regulatory flexibilities through the end of 2024.

The continued success of telehealth adoption during the COVID-19 public health emergency makes it clear that Medicare telehealth benefits should remain available to patients after the pandemic is over. In March 2022, Congress passed legislation to extend the telehealth flexibilities 151 days after the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). While this provided certainty for 2022, the PHE is likely to end in 2023. Unless Congress acts again this year, Medicare beneficiaries may abruptly lose access to these services mid-year when the public health emergency ends. Physicians must weigh the costs of investing in the technological and clinical infrastructure required to maintain telehealth programs at scale against the uncertainty of when these telehealth policies may end.

On July 27, the House of Representatives by a vote of 416-12 passed the Advancing Telehealth Beyond COVID-19 Act (H.R. 4040) to provide a two-year extension of Medicare telehealth flexibilities through the end of 2024. This overwhelming vote demonstrates that access to telehealth services remains a bipartisan issue and is highly valued by patients across the country.

The American Medical Association is urging the Senate to pass a similar two-year extension of these important telehealth policies, while continuing to push for a permanent extension, that includes provisions to:

- Lift provider and patient location limitations.
- Remove in-person requirements for telemental health.

Ask your Senator to help ensure greater coverage certainty for telehealth services by supporting a two-year extension of telehealth flexibilities through the end of 2024, similar to House-passed H.R. 4040. In addition, ask your members of Congress to cosponsor the following bills to provide permanent telehealth coverage:

- **H.R. 1332/S. 368, the Telehealth Modernization Act of 2021**
- **H.R. 2903/S. 1512, the CONNECT for Health Act**