



The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the delivery of health care in a number of ways.

**[Tell Congress to make expanded telehealth services permanent](#)**

During the pandemic, telehealth services emerged as a critical tool to provide care to patients while supporting physical distancing efforts and reducing the spread of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases by avoiding unnecessary outpatient visits. In response, Congress acted to temporarily expand access to Medicare covered telehealth services to all Medicare beneficiaries by authorizing HHS to waive outdated statutory restrictions on where telehealth services may be provided.

Stories poured in from all over the country from physicians and patients alike about the positive effects of expanded telehealth benefits. It has continued to allow physicians to provide high-quality care using new digital tools.

**Congress needs to act!**

Recently, legislation was introduced in both the House and Senate that, if passed, would make the expanded access to telehealth services permanent. The Telehealth Modernization Act of 2021 (H.R. 1332/S. 368) would lift the rural-only restriction and add any site where a patient is located as a potential originating site and ensure all Medicare beneficiaries may receive covered Medicare telehealth benefits, including at home and via mobile technologies as appropriate, while the CONNECT for Health Act (H.R. 2903/S. 1512) would provide HHS with permanent authority to waive these restrictions, similar to the authority the agency has for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**The evidence is in** – The success of telehealth technology adoption during the COVID-19 public health emergency has made it abundantly clear that Medicare covered telehealth benefits should be available to ALL Medicare patients regardless of where they live or how they access broadband services!

**[Tell Congress to make expanded telehealth services permanent](#)** and ask them to support making expanded telehealth services permanent today!!

Expanded telehealth IS working for our patients, let's fight to keep it that way!



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