

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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As Co-Chairs of the Congressional Telehealth Caucus and a bipartisan coalition of U.S. Senators, we respectfully request your input as we begin to craft comprehensive telehealth legislation for the 116th Congress.

As you know, during the 115th Congress, Congress considered H.R. 2556/S.1016, the CONNECT for Health Act of 2017, along with numerous other pieces of telehealth legislation. We were pleased to see several provisions of the CONNECT Act signed into law as part of separate, larger legislative packages, including the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018. We look to build on these successes during the 116th Congress.

With this in mind, we are assembling a revised telehealth package that continues to expand access to vital, cost-efficient telehealth and remote monitoring services across the country.

We invite you, as stakeholders in the health and telemedicine fields, to submit suggestions, recommendations or relevant experiences as we craft this legislative package. Specifically, we are interested in recommendations that would:

- Expand access to telehealth and remote monitoring, especially in rural or otherwise underserved communities;
- Improve patient outcomes, whether by expanding access to specialists or other providers or by easing the day-to-day patient experience;
- Encourage easier and expanded use of existing telehealth and remote monitoring technologies, many of which suffer from low uptake rates; and
- Reduce healthcare costs for both patients and federal programs, including Medicare

Please include any existing data or records demonstrating the success of or otherwise supporting the recommendations you have submitted. We ask that you focus your recommendations on policy areas most likely to prompt Congressional action, including ideas that are fiscally responsible and able to generate bipartisan support.

We would like to finalize the details of a package as soon as possible. For this reason, we ask that you submit any recommendations or proposals to the caucus in writing no later than **Monday, April 1, 2019**. Submissions should be submitted to Telehealth.RFI@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,


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