



September 12, 2017

The Honorable Diane Black  
United States House of Representatives  
1531 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mike Thompson  
United States House of Representatives  
231 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Black and Representative Thompson:

On behalf of the Alliance for Connected Care, a group representing Medicare health plans, providers and vendors who serve millions of consumers, we write to support the Increasing Telehealth Access in Medicare Act, H.R. 3727.

This bipartisan legislation will enable wider use of connected care technologies among seniors in Medicare Advantage, a significant step forward in opening Medicare to these technologies. Telehealth has been shown to be effective at lowering costs and improving access to care in the commercial market, Medicaid and within the Veterans Administration. We view it as an important tool in increasing consumer access to high quality, affordable healthcare, improving patient satisfaction and reducing costs. Given recent advances in technology, telemedicine gives customers a new way to be more engaged in their care, and save time and money. Additionally, telemedicine contributes to the value-based care goals of patient engagement, expanded hours for primary care, population health management and care coordination.

Thank you for your leadership on giving seniors in Medicare Advantage access to tools already available to many other populations. We look forward to continuing to work together to make telehealth access a reality for every senior in Medicare.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista Drobac".

Krista Drobac  
Executive Director  
Alliance for Connected Care