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Alliance to Fight for Health Care coordinates stakeholder letter urging Congress to keep telehealth affordable for working families

Today, 228 companies and organizations including public and private sector employers, nonprofits, patient advocacy groups, providers, insurers, brokers, unions, and multinational companies signed a [letter](#) urging Congress to extend the telehealth provision that allows employers the flexibility to offer telehealth services below the deductible to employees with a Health Savings Account (HSA).

The letter, signed by 228 stakeholders and organized by the [Alliance to Fight for Health Care](#), reminds congressional leaders that “this popular provision expires at the end of this year. Without congressional action, employers will be required to charge employees more to access telehealth services, creating a barrier to care, including tele-mental health treatment. The nation’s growing mental health crisis demonstrates that Americans need more access to affordable mental and behavioral health services, not less.”

There is bipartisan, bicameral support in Congress to continue this flexibility (H.R. 1843/S. 1001). In addition, [recent election night polling](#) shows **86% of voters want Congress to take action to keep telehealth affordable.**

“Employer-sponsored health coverage is planned prospectively and is already in place for 2025. Therefore, this provision of the law urgently needs to be renewed before the end of the year. Given how health coverage works, allowing this provision to expire, or extending it for a partial year will cause undue disruption for workers and their families,” said **James A. Klein**, president of **American Benefits Council**. “People rely upon access to affordable telehealth services, especially mental health. Action by Congress is urgent,” Klein added.

The letter notes, “the support for affordable telehealth and telemental 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 enact legislation this year that will ensure this important flexibility does not expire.”

[Stakeholder letter](#)

The [Alliance to Fight for Health Care](#) is a broad-based coalition comprised of businesses, patient advocates, employer organizations, unions, health care companies, consumer groups and other stakeholders that support employer-provided health coverage. Together, we are working to ensure that employer-provided coverage remains an available and affordable option for working Americans and their families.

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