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Alliance to Fight for Health Care Applauds Bipartisan, Bicameral Introduction of the Telehealth Expansion Act of 2023

The **Alliance to Fight for Health Care**, a diverse coalition comprised of businesses, patient advocates, employer organizations, unions, health care companies, consumer groups and other stakeholders that support employer-provided health coverage, today applauds Representatives Michelle Steel (R-CA), Susie Lee (D-NV), Adrian Smith (R-NE), Brad Schneider (D-IL), and Senators Steve Daines (R-MT) and Catherine Cortez-Masto (D-NV) for the bipartisan, bicameral introduction of the Telehealth Expansion Act of 2023, which makes permanent the provision that allows employers the flexibility to offer telehealth services below the deductible to employees with a Health Savings Account (HSA) paired with a high-deductible health plan (HDHP).

"Access to affordable telehealth -- especially tele-mental health services -- is a virtual lifeline for workers and their families. Its benefits will extend beyond the pandemic, and so must the ability of HSA-eligible high deductible health plans to cover telehealth without cost-sharing," said **James A. Klein**, president of the **American Benefits Council**. "We urge Congress to pass the Telehealth Expansion Act of 2023."

This Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 provision helped to make telehealth more affordable and flexible for those with a health savings account. This provision received a two-year extension in the Omnibus package passed last December and is set to expire on December 31, 2024. The Alliance to Fight for Health Care strongly supports an extension of this provision.

The **Alliance to Fight for Health Care** is a diverse 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 effective and affordable option for working Americans and their families. The coalition (previously working as the **Alliance to Fight the 40**), led the successful effort to repeal the so-called 40% "Cadillac Tax" on health care coverage.

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