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The Honorable Terrance C. Cole
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Dear Director Vought and Administrator Cole,

We write to express our deep concern about the impending lapse of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) telemedicine flexibility that has allowed patients to safely access needed medications. We appreciate that a fourth temporary extension is pending and currently under OMB review. We strongly urge you to immediately act to prevent avoidable lapses in treatment and protect continuity of care for millions who rely on these services.

Since expanded by the Trump Administration, telemedicine has proven to be a lifeline by allowing providers to reach patients where they are, reducing delays in treatment, and improving outcomes. We have seen firsthand how technology-enabled care strengthens the provider-patient relationship, increases adherence to treatment plans, and helps patients lead healthier lives. This progress must not be undone.

Congress has long required DEA to establish a Special Registration process that balances patient access with appropriate safeguards against misuse. Authorized in the 2008 Ryan Haight Act and reinforced by the 2018 SUPPORT Act, this process remains unfulfilled after 17 years. A thoughtful Special Registration framework would give providers the ability to care for patients responsibly while ensuring DEA has the tools it needs to prevent inappropriate prescribing. We urge you to continue to work with Congress on a path forward for permanent access to controlled medications via telehealth.

With only 25 days remaining before these critical telemedicine authorities expire, patients and providers are facing unacceptable uncertainty and the real risk of care disruptions. Providers are scheduling appointments with patients at least 30 days in advance. Any delay in the DEA policymaking will create confusion among patients, cancellations, and abrupt treatment gaps. These flexibilities have been essential for maintaining continuity of care, particularly for those with mental and behavioral health needs, over the past five years.

In the long-term, we encourage DEA to fully engage with stakeholders in a discussion of the policy barriers to patient care and to collect medical provider feedback on safeguards that mitigate real-world risks of diversion.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue and for working with the provider and patient community to protect access to care.

Sincerely,

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Advanced Care Basic
AdventHealth
Adventist Health
Adventist Health Policy Association
AGMP Telehealth
AiArthritis
Alliance for Connected Care
Alliance Mental Health
ALS Association
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Academy of Sleep Medicine
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists
American Association on Health and Disability
American College Health Association (ACHA)
American Health Care Association
American Nurses Association
American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP)
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A new perspective counseling services llc
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Array Behavioral Care
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Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness
Association of Children's Residential and Community Services (ACRC)
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Avel eCARE
Avery's Hope
Behavioral health strategists
Bicycle Health
Big Cities Health Coalition
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Child Neurology Foundation
Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
Children's Hospital Association
College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME)
Columbia Doctors
Complete Behavioral Health, PLLC
Corey Watson, LLC
CURE Epilepsy
Current Mind Care, LLC
Diabetes Leadership Council
Diabetes Patient Advocacy Coalition
Different MHP, PC
Digital Medicine Society (DiMe)
Down East Psychiatry
DreamCloud Psychiatry
Driscoll Children's Health System
Dup15q Alliance
Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action
Eleanor Health
Emory Healthcare
Emplify Health
Encounter Telehealth
Epilepsy Alliance America
Epilepsy Foundation of America
Essentia Health
Florida Health Information Management Association
Forbes Wellness, LLC
FORCE: Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered
GABA-A Alliance
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
GNB1 Advocacy Group, Inc.
Hazel Health
Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)
HealthTexting, Inc.
HerPrime
Hidden Truths Project
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Hone Health

Hope for HIE
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association
Illuminated Insights Counseling LLC
IMPOWER
Indiana University Health
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Integrated Telehealth Partners
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KCNQ2 Cure Alliance
Kimberly Newcombe Counseling
KMA SERVICES LLC
Lakeshore Foundation
Language Strides LLC
Layh & Associates, Inc
LeadingAge
LifeMD, Inc.
Lifepoint Health
LMA Mental Health Services.
Logan Wellness Advanced Nursing Practice Corp.
Loma Linda University Health
LT Telehealth/LocumTenens.com
Mass General Brigham
Massachusetts Health Data Consortium
Mayo Clinic
Medical Group Management Association
MedWand Solutions, Inc.
Melissa Prince CANP, Endocrinology LLC
Metamorphosis Medical Center
Midi Health
Mind Revive Psychiatry, LLC
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Moving Mountains - Mental Health & Recovery, PLLC
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Center for Assisted Living
National Council for Mental Wellbeing
National League for Nursing
National Mental Health
New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc.
Northwest Telepsychiatry
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Partnership to Advance Virtual Care (PAVC)
Pelago
Pennsylvania Rural Health Association
Pivot Behavioral Health LLC
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Premier Inc.
Psychboston
Psychiatric Medical Care
PursueCare
Qbtech Inc.
QueerMed
Rare Epilepsy Network (REN) Coordinating Committee
Re-architect Health LLC
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REDC Consortium
Renewed Outlook Holistic Mental Health and Wellness
Reproductive Health Access Project
Resolve Psychiatric Services
Rewild PLLC
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RxHomeTest
Sally Kraynik NP LLC
Satori Mental Health LLC
Shadow Mountain Mental Health
Shock Therapy Group, LLC
SLC6A1 Connect
SNAP25.org
Sound Physicians
Southern Comfort Psychiatric Services, LLC
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STXBP1 Foundation
Summit Healthcare Association
Synchronous Mental Health
TeleHealthcare Network
TeleMed2U
Texas Health Resources
The Center for Discovery, Inc
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