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Terry Cole
Administrator
United States Drug Enforcement Administration
8701 Morrisette Drive
Springfield, VA 22152

Dear Administrator Cole:

Congratulations on your recent confirmation to serve as the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). We write to request your leadership in ensuring that millions of Americans continue to have access to medically necessary health care through telemedicine after the current access deadline of December 31, 2025.

As you know, in 2018 President Trump signed into law the [Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment \(SUPPORT\) for Patients and Communities Act](#), which included a provisions requiring the Attorney General, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), to, within one year, promulgate final regulations to ensure safe access to controlled substances through telemedicine. Subsequently, the DEA under the Trump Administration acted to allow medically necessary controlled substances via telemedicine as part of its broader telehealth expansion.

Telehealth has been crucial in providing a wide range of important health services for Americans, but even more so for those Americans who live in remote areas and locations with provider shortages. For example, as of [December 2023](#), more than half (169 million) of the U.S. population lives in a Mental Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and broader access to telehealth has been crucial in creating new access to care for these individuals. Overly broad restrictions will lead to harsh consequences for many Americans relying on telehealth to access health services.

We are only 23 weeks away from access to the telemedicine services the DEA oversees ending. Given this approaching deadline, and widely recognized challenges with previous policy proposals, we encourage action by the DEA to:

- 1) Engage directly with experts and stakeholders on policymaking that would continue access to telehealth while preventing diversion; and
- 2) Ensure a plan is in place by the Fall of 2025 to prevent millions of Americans from losing access to their medical treatments in December of 2025.

We believe the DEA should consider holding a meeting or forum of leading experts and stakeholders to develop long-term policy for this issue. Past efforts which did not fully engage stakeholders and Congress had unintended consequences – such as the creation of massive significant new regulatory burdens on the health care systems.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to working with you to ensure continued access to safe and needed telemedicine services for all Americans. Please feel free to reach out to any signer of this letter for additional information and context.

Sincerely,

Access TeleCare
AdventHealth
Affective Movement Counseling
AGMP Telehealth
Alliance for Aging Research
Alliance for Connected Care
Alliance Mental Health
Alpha Telemedicine
ALS Association
Amazon
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Academy of Physician Associates
American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists
American College Health Association
American College of Clinical Pharmacy
American Gastroenterological Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Health Care Association
American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA)
American Psychiatric Association
American Psychological Association Services
American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP)
American Telemedicine Association
Americans for Prosperity
Anderson Medical Services LLC
Anderson Mental Health Services LLC
Art Therapy of Fairfield
Ascension
Aspire Mental Health
Assisted Recovery Centers of America (ARCA)
Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness
ATA Action
Avery's Hope
Balanced Psychotherapy
Bicycle Health
Billings Clinic
Blue Sea Mental Health Practitioners, LLC
BlueStar Telehealth
Brownlee Health

Bubba's Light, Inc.
Caprock Alliance for Mental Wellness
CareSouth Carolina
Center to Advance Palliative Care
Chesapeake Psychological Associates
Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
CirrusMD
College of Healthcare Information Management Executives (CHIME)
Columbia University Irving Medical Center
Compassion & Choices
Connected Home Living
CONQUER Clinics
Consumer Technology Association
Creating Compassion LLC
CSNK2B Foundation
CTeL
CURE Epilepsy
CURE GABA-A
Current Mind Care LLC
Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome Association, Inc.
Danielle Byron Henry Migraine Foundation
Different MHP, PC
Doctronic Physicians Group
Eagle Telemedicine
Emory
Encounter Telehealth
Epilepsy Alliance America
Epilepsy Foundation of America
Essentia Health
Experience Counseling
Florida Health Information Management Association
FOLX Health, Inc.
GABA-A Alliance
Gateway Rehabilitation Center
GO2 for Lung Cancer
GRIN2B Foundation
Guide to Wellness PA
Harmony & Unity Mental Health
Hazel Health
Health Care Advocates International
Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)
Heart and Health Medical
HerPrime
Hims & Hers Health

Hone Health
Hope for HIE
Human Vitality, Inc
Hydrocephalus Association
IMPOWER
In-Tuitt Behavioral Health Services
Integrated Telehealth Partners
Johns Hopkins University & Medicine
KMA SERVICES LLC
Kohnling, Inc.
Language Strides LLC
Layh and Associates
LifeMD, Inc.
LMA Mental Health Services
Logan Wellness Advanced Nursing Practice Corp.
LT Telehealth/LocumTenens.com
Mae Mental Wellness
Mass General Brigham
Maureen Kane Counseling
Medical Group Management Association
Mend VIP, Inc.
Miles for Migraine
MindMatters Therapy LLC
Mindset Time Counseling
MJ Psychiatry LLC
Modern Ritual Health
Monebo Technologies, Inc.
Moving Mountains - Mental Health & Recovery, PLLC
National Association for Behavioral Healthcare
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Center for Assisted Living
National Council for Mental Wellbeing
National League for Nursing
National Partnership for Healthcare and Hospice Innovation
National Patient Advocate Foundation
National Rural Health Association
New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies, Inc.
A new perspective counseling services llc
NIM Longevity
Noma Therapy
NORSE Institute
Northside medical professionals
Northwest Telepsychiatry
Office of CEO, Inc.

Ophelia
Paragon Behavioral Health
Partnership for Employer-Sponsored Coverage (P4ESC)
Partnership to Advance Virtual Care
Peace of Mind Inc
Pediatric Gastroenterology of Northern Virginia
Perspective Counseling
PMPITeleMed
Policy Center for Maternal Mental Health
Prana Wellness, LLC
Professional Psychotherapy Services
Psychboston
Psychiatric Medical Care
Psychiatric Medical Practitioners, Inc
Psychotherapy Action Network
QMed, LLC
QuickVisit UC
Rare and Undiagnosed Network (RUN)
Re-architect Health LLC
Recora Health
Refined Health Solutions
Rejuvenation Medicine LLC
Renewed Outlook Holistic Mental Health & Wellness
Resolve Psychiatric Services, PLLC.
Revive Mental Health Solutions LLC
Rewild PLLC
Rockhurst University
Sacred Space Psychiatry
Shadow Mountain Mental Health
Shock Therapy Group, LLC
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
Sound Physicians
South Hill Family Counseling, LLC
Southern Comfort Psych Services, LLC
Sovato
Spectrum Psychological Services
STXBP1 Foundation
Sunrise Mental Health
Synchronous Mental Health
Taconic Psychiatry
Talkiatry
Teladoc Health
Telehealth Advisory Group, LLC
Telehealth.org

TeleHealthcare Network
TeleMed2U
The Center for Connection and Change LLC
The Center for Health Affairs
The Chrysalis Counseling Center
The Global Foundation for Peroxisomal Disorders
The LIBRE Initiative
the National Alliance for Care at Home
The Taylor-Austin Group, LLC
Tidemark Therapy PLLC
tMED - The Massachusetts Telemedicine Coalition
TOUCH-TSC
Transformative Healthcare
True North Psychiatry
True U Clinic
U.S. Pain Foundation
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
University of Mississippi Medical Center, Center for Telehealth
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Health System
URAC
Validic
Vigeo Wellness
Virginia Telehealth Network
Visual Telecommunication Network, LLC d/b/a ViTel Net
WeKonnnect, LLC.
WellLink Health Alliance
Wind River Parkinson's Group
Workit Health
YesPsych LLC