

Telemedicine:

Make current policy and exemptions permanent and support the Telehealth Modernization Act!

In February, Senators Brian Schatz (D-HI) and Tim Scott (R-S.C.) reintroduced the bipartisan <u>Telehealth Modernization Act</u> that would update coverage restrictions that have long prevented life-saving telehealth services millions of Americans. The Telehealth Modernization Act codifies crucial flexibilities for telehealth coverage to increase access to high-quality health care services. We ask you to support and cosponsor this legislation.

The COVID-19 epidemic has led to an explosion of telemedicine use out of necessity and deregulation. Now that the American people have seen the potential of telemedicine to improve and simplify care, we need to ensure every American continues to have the same access they did during the pandemic.

Telemedicine expansion levels the playing field and democratizes care to rural and underserved communities. It is essential that healthcare workers are not left in administrative limbo in order to make a living.

We ask that members of Congress put into statute these exemptions allowed by the Public Health Emergency, to spark innovation and provide stable consistency for the healthcare marketplace.

Established in 1975, the AASM is the premier professional society representing the sleep medicine specialty with a combined membership of 10,000 accredited member sleep facilities and individual members, including physicians, scientists, and other health care professionals.

Help us promote optimal health through better sleep by expanding telemedicine. Contact AASM Advocacy Program Manager Eric Albrecht at ealbrecht@aasm.org or 630-737-9700 if you have additional questions.