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March 7, 2022

The Honorable Anna Eshoo, Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Health
U.S. House of Representatives
272 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0518

Dear Chairwoman Eshoo:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees and
future retirees represented by the National Retiree
Legislative Network (NRLN), I am requesting that
you call for a vote in the Subcommittee on Health on
H.R.2903, CONNECT for Health Act of 2021.

H.R.2903 would expand coverage of telehealth
services under Medicare. Provisions in the bill are:

- allows the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to waive certain restrictions, such as restrictions on the types of technology that may be used;
- permanently removes geographic restrictions on originating sites (i.e., the location of the beneficiary) and allows the home of the beneficiary to serve as the originating site for all services;
- permanently allows federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics to serve as the distant site (i.e., the location of the health care practitioner), and
- allows the CMS to generally waive coverage restrictions during any public health emergency.

Additionally, CMS must report on the effects of
expanded telehealth services during the COVID-19
public health emergency, including with respect to the
utilization, quality, and outcomes of services. CMS
Innovations may also test alternative payment models
relating to expanded telehealth.

If you would like to learn more about why the NRLN
supports **H.R.2903**, please contact me or Alyson
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Sincerely,

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