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March 7, 2022

The Honorable Brett Guthrie, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Health
U.S. House of Representatives
2434 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-1702

Dear Representative Guthrie:

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 support calling 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 Parker, NRLN Executive Director, on her cell phone at 813-545-6792 or executivedirector@nrln.org.

Sincerely,

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