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RE: Telehealth Services in CT

I am a licensed psychologist who has practiced in Connecticut since 1981. I see children, adolescents, adults and seniors, and I have been able to work in my practice during the Covid pandemic only because of telehealth services.

Every day I receive new requests for services because people are struggling. I have been able to provide important service to families as they managed the day to day business of coping during this difficult time. I have been able to provide support to my senior patients, many who have not left their homes during the past year. I have also been able to provide services to medical staff who were on the front lines and would not been able to come to an office setting.

I have followed the data carefully regarding the efficacy of telehealth, and it is clear that it is a highly successful way to treat patients. In my clinical practice I know that it will continue to be essential going forward as a convenient way for patients to access care even when they have multiple responsibilities and limited time.

I respectfully request that you support the above names bills so that telehealth services can continue and be reimbursed appropriately after the emergency order ends.

**Sincerely,
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