

Dear Health Committee and Insurance and Real Estate Committee,

I am a clinical psychologist in Connecticut and have been using telehealth to see my clients throughout the pandemic. Without this, they would not have been able to obtain and continue outpatient therapy which we know has been so important with the current state of poor mental health with rates of depression and anxiety increasing astronomically this year. Please consider and support HB 5596 and SB 1022. This allows for me to continue seeing my clients safely in person and partly between telehealth and in person therapy meetings. Even post pandemic the insurance payment should stay the same as I'm still providing the same services. Thank you for your consideration.

Warmly,  
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