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Alliance to Fight for Health Care Applauds Bipartisan, Bicameral Introduction of the Telehealth Expansion Act of 2025

The Alliance to Fight for Health Care, a diverse coalition comprised of businesses, patient advocates, employer organizations, unions, health care companies, consumer groups, and other stakeholders that support employer-provided health coverage, today applauds Chairman Jodey Arrington (R-TX), Representatives Susie Lee (D-NV), Adrian Smith (R-NE), Brad Schneider (D-IL), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), and Jimmy Panetta (D-CA) and Senators Steve Daines (R-MT) and Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV) for the bipartisan, bicameral introduction of the *Telehealth Expansion Act of 2025*. The bill makes permanent a provision that allows employers the flexibility to offer telehealth services below the deductible to employees with a Health Savings Account (HSA) paired with a high-deductible health plan (HDHP).

"Expanded telehealth flexibilities for HSA-eligible plans have become a literal lifeline for millions of Americans," said **Katy Johnson**, president of the **American Benefits Council**. "We urge Congress to pass the Telehealth Expansion Act of 2025 to make telehealth more affordable and to ensure continued access to vital care, including tele-mental health care, to support the working families who need it most."

This key provision helps make telehealth more affordable and flexible by allowing access to telehealth services below the deductible for those enrolled in a HDHP paired with an HSA. It received a two-year extension in the Omnibus package passed in December 2022 and expired on December 31, 2024. The **Alliance to Fight for Health Care** strongly supports extending this popular provision and critical flexibility for plans, employers, and working families.

In addition, the **Alliance to Fight for Health Care**, recently joined more than 300 stakeholders in a <u>letter</u> to Congress urging swift action to make this important provision permanent.

The **Alliance to Fight for Health Care** is a broad-based coalition comprised of businesses, patient advocates, employer organizations, unions, health care companies, consumer groups and other stakeholders that support employer-provided health coverage. Together, we are working to ensure that employer-provided coverage remains an available and affordable option for working Americans and their families.

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