



PARTNERSHIP FOR EMPLOYER-SPONSORED COVERAGE

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The Honorable Brad Schneider (D-IL-10)
U.S. House of Representatives
300 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Brad Wenstrup (R-OH-02)
U.S. House of Representatives
2419 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Schneider and Wenstrup:

The Partnership for Employer-Sponsored Coverage writes with our support for the Primary and Virtual Care Affordability Act (H.R. 5541) to provide authorization of first-dollar coverage of telehealth services and in-person primary care visits for employees enrolled in a high deductible health plan (HDHP) coupled with a health savings account (HSA). We appreciate your support for employer coverage of telehealth services and primary care visits for employees enrolled in these plans.

The Partnership for Employer-Sponsored Coverage (P4ESC) is an advocacy alliance of employment-based organizations and trade associations representing businesses of all sizes and the millions of American workers and their families who rely on employer-sponsored coverage every day. We are committed to working to ensure that employer-sponsored coverage is strengthened and remains a viable, affordable option for decades to come.

The legislation builds on a provision under the CARES Act (P.L. 116-136) which amended the Internal Revenue Service HDHP rules to enable first-dollar coverage of telehealth services through December 31, 2021. H.R. 5541 provides a two-year authorization of first-dollar coverage of both telehealth and in-person primary care visits. Telehealth has served as an essential lifeline to care for millions of Americans during the pandemic, especially those seeking behavioral and mental health services. Extending this policy and covering in-person primary care visits will provide a continuity of care beyond 2021.

Again, thank you for introducing H.R. 5541. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues in a bipartisan manner to strengthen and preserve employment-based health coverage.

Sincerely,
Partnership for Employer-Sponsored Coverage

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