

# GREATER NEW YORK HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

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RE: Support of H.R.4040 – Telehealth Extensions and Evaluation Act

The Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA) represents more than 160 hospitals and health systems throughout New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, and 50 continuing care facilities in New York. Our member hospitals and health systems are dedicated to increasing health care access and providing quality patient care.

The Telehealth Extensions and Evaluation Act would significantly improve health care access, specifically for high-risk and vulnerable patients, while reducing costs on many over-burdened hospitals and health care systems. The previous expansion of Medicare services under the CARES Act has shown that our hospitals can and *do* successfully use a wider breadth of telehealth services—including audio-only services, expansion of reimbursable providers, and service availability regardless of patient geography—to offer quality patient care to more patients while reducing otherwise expansive costs.

GNYHA supports H.R. 4040 and believes that the continued expansion of proven telehealth services will improve vital health care access.

We appreciate your leadership on this proven expansion of Medicare reimbursable telehealth services and look forward to working with you on improved health care access.



*GNYHA is a dynamic, constantly evolving center for health care advocacy and expertise, but our core mission—helping hospitals deliver the finest patient care in the most cost-effective way—never changes.*