



NJAFP 2023 Resolution # 6
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Telehealth Payments Post-Pandemic

1 **Whereas:** Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically increased the demand for
2 telehealth services, allowing patients to receive necessary medical care without risking exposure
3 to the virus, and
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5 **Whereas:** Medicare's coverage and payment policies for telehealth have served as a vital lifeline
6 for many patients, particularly those in underserved areas, who would otherwise have limited
7 access to healthcare services, and
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9 **Whereas:** the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA) extended several telehealth
10 flexibilities for Medicare patients through December 31, 2024, including a waiver for originating
11 site requirements, allowing patients to receive services via telehealth from home and other
12 locations, rather than just clinical settings, and
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14 **Whereas:** the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) policies will end on May 11, 2023,
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17 **Whereas:** the CAA extended coverage for audio-only telehealth visits for Medicare patients
18 through December 31, 2024, and
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20 **Whereas:** coverage and payment policies and telehealth will see significant unwinding of
21 temporary flexibilities, and
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23 **Whereas:** it is essential for the medical community to advocate for policies that ensure
24 accessibility and affordable healthcare for all patients, now therefore be it
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26 **RESOLVED:** that NJAFP petition the NJ State Legislature to require that NJ commercial
27 insurance companies continue to cover telehealth in accordance with the coverage and payment
28 policies set forth by the CAA for Medicare.
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