

March 18, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

The Honorable Brad R. Wenstrup  
United States House of Representatives  
2335 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bradley Scott Schneider  
United States House of Representatives  
300 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Wenstrup and Schneider,

On behalf of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP), I write to express support for the *Primary and Virtual Care Affordability Act*, which would enhance the affordability of primary care and telehealth for patients with High-Deductible Health Plans (HDHPs).

ACOFP is the professional organization representing more than 26,000 practicing osteopathic family physicians, residents, and students throughout the United States who are deeply committed to advancing our nation's health care system by improving health care delivery and outcomes and ensuring that patients have access to high-quality care. We support efforts to improve access to primary care physicians, which results in patients with better outcomes and a more efficient health care system.

The *Primary and Virtual Care Affordability Act* would extend an existing safe harbor that allows HDHPs that do not require a deductible for telehealth services. The bill also would create a safe harbor for HDHPs that do not require a deductible for certain in-person primary care services provided by qualified providers, including family physicians. This bill will help increase access to primary care and telehealth for patients with HDHPs, which has become even more important in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. We support improving access to telehealth services, which can serve as a means to ensuring patient access to primary care especially in rural and underserved areas.

Thank you for your commitment to addressing this important issue. We look forward to working with you in advancing this legislation. Should you need any additional information or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact ACOFP at [advocacy@acofp.org](mailto:advocacy@acofp.org) or (847) 952-5100.

Sincerely,



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