



**PARTNERSHIP FOR  
EMPLOYER-SPONSORED COVERAGE**

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The Honorable Steve Daines (R-MT)  
U.S. Senate  
320 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)  
U.S. Senate  
313 Hart Senate Office Building  
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Dear Senators Daines and Cortez Masto:

The Partnership for Employer-Sponsored Coverage writes with our support for the Telehealth Expansion Act of 2021 (S. 1704) to permanently expand first-dollar coverage of telehealth services for employees enrolled in a high deductible health plan (HDHP) coupled with a health savings account (HSA). We appreciate your leadership in expanding access to telehealth services in the employment-based health coverage market.

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 COVID-19 pandemic created tremendous uncertainty and logistical issues for those seeking care, especially for behavioral and mental health services. Telehealth has served as an essential lifeline to care for millions of Americans during the pandemic. Utilization was bolstered by the 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. S. 1704 expands telehealth services to more hardworking Americans and would provide continuity of care beyond 2021.

Again, thank you for your leadership in introducing S. 1704. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your colleagues in a bipartisan manner to increase employee access to telehealth.

Sincerely,  
Partnership for Employer-Sponsored Coverage

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