

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization
Policy Alert

House Votes to Extend Hospice Telehealth Flexibilities Through 2024

To: NHPCO Provider and State Members
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The *Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act* (Public Law 116-136) expanded the ability for hospice providers to use telehealth with patients, including the face-to-face visit required for recertification of hospice eligibility, for the duration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE). The *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022* (Public Law 117-103) extended this flexibility for an additional 151 days after the end of the PHE.

Last night, the House of Representatives passed the *Advancing Telehealth Beyond COVID-19 Act of 2021* (H.R. 4040) which further extends these telehealth flexibilities through December 31, 2024. The legislation passed by a vote of 416 – 12 and advances to the Senate.

The NHPCO and HAN teams are closely monitoring the progress of this bill and remain engaged with key Members of Congress and partner organizations on telehealth issues.

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