



November 1, 2021

The Honorable Bronna Kahle
Chair, Michigan House Health Policy Committee
Michigan House of Representatives
Anderson House Office Building
124 N. Capitol Avenue, Room # N-991
Lansing, MI 48933

The Honorable Luke Meerman
Majority Vice Chair, Michigan House Health Policy Committee
Michigan House of Representatives
Anderson House Office Building
124 N. Capitol Avenue, Room # N-1192
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The Honorable Angela Witwer
Minority Vice Chair, Michigan House Health Policy Committee
Michigan House of Representatives
Anderson House Office Building
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RE: ATA SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 166

Dear Chair Kahle, Vice Chair Meerman, and Vice Chair Witwer:

On behalf of the American Telemedicine Association (ATA) and the over 400 organizations we represent, I am writing to express our support for Senate Bill 166.

The ATA is the only organization dedicated solely to the advancement of telemedicine in the United States. Our primary objective is to provide Americans with affordable, high-quality health care whenever and wherever they need it. The use of telemedicine services eases the burden placed on the nation's health care infrastructure, allowing the system to deliver services to millions more patients efficiently and effectively. The ATA represents a diverse and expansive coalition of technology solution providers and payers, as well as partner organizations and alliances, working together to promote the implementation of telemedicine across the country, endorse responsible telemedicine policy, encourage government and market normalization, and deliver education and resources designed to further the integration of virtual care through the use of various innovative technologies.



The ATA applauds the legislature's efforts to make it easier for Michigan-licensed advanced practice registered nurses and physician's assistants located in other states and provinces to issue prescriptions to patients in Michigan through the use of telemedicine technologies. The proposed legislation would allow Michigan pharmacies to fill much-needed prescriptions written by these out-of-state providers without having to verify whether or not that provider is authorized to issue the prescription in their state or province of residence.

Allowing licensed practitioners to issue these prescriptions via the appropriate technologies would enhance Michigan residents' ability to access the prescription drugs and medical devices they want and need to live healthy lives. This is yet another example as to how innovative technologies can expand access to affordable, quality care.

We thank you for your efforts to expand telemedicine in Michigan. In the context of the ongoing pandemic, it is essential that state legislatures create pathways for their citizens to access care as easily and efficiently as possible. Please let us know how we can be helpful in your efforts to adopt sensible telemedicine policy in Michigan. If you have any questions or would like to discuss further the telehealth industry's perspective, please contact me at kzebley@americantelemed.org.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kyle Zebley".

Kyle Zebley
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