



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1313

Dear Mr. Curtin,

Thank you for contacting me to express your support for expanding telehealth coverage. I appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts.

The growth of telehealth services is helping patients in New Jersey and across the country by providing safe and dependable access to health care during the COVID-19 pandemic. I share your strong support for health care innovations like telehealth that help improve efficiency, reduce costs, and increase access to critical care. Virtual doctor visits can also help address provider shortages in rural areas, make it easier to monitor chronically ill patients, and bring specialist providers into patients' homes through technology.

These services are especially important now, and that is why I urged House leadership to provide support and extend the Federal Communication Commission's COVID-19 Telehealth Program established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. I was proud to support this landmark, bipartisan legislation that included \$1.7 million to Zufall Health Center, which has locations in Newton and Hackettstown, to support their ongoing work in telehealth and community care.

While Medicare covers a limited number of telehealth services, we can and should do more to encourage these promising programs. The VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) in Newton has already started to provide our veterans with telehealth and telesocial work services, and I am working with the VA to expand these services.

Thank you again for contacting my office. Please keep in touch with any additional questions or comments by emailing me at <https://gottheimer.house.gov/contact/>. If you would like to receive regular updates from me, please visit <https://gottheimer.house.gov/forms/emailsignup/> to sign up for my e-newsletter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Gottheimer".