



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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March 21, 2023

The Honorable Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk  
Chair, House Health and Government Operations Committee  
Room 241, House Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

### **RE: SB 534 – Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2023**

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk and Committee Members:

The Board of Dietetic Practice (the “Board”) is submitting this letter of support for Senate Bill 534 – Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2023.

The Board supports the extension of time for telehealth to include audio-only telephone conversations between a health care provider and a patient that results in the delivery of a billable, covered health care service. In addition, the Board supports the reimbursement of telehealth services at the same rate as if the health care service were delivered by the health care provider in person. The Board believes this will provide greater access to health care services.

For these reasons, the Board urges a favorable report on SB 534. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact me at 410-764-4741 or [marie.savage@maryland.gov](mailto:marie.savage@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
Board of Dietetic Practice

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