



Testimony for HB 869

Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025

Position: Favorable

Dear Chair Pena-Melnyk and members of the House HGO Committee:

My name is Ricarra Jones, and I am the Political Director with 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East. We are the largest healthcare workers union in the nation, with 10,000 members in Maryland and Washington, DC.

1199SEIU supports HB 869, which will ensure telehealth services continue to be covered, and their costs reimbursed, under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and insurers. 1199SEIU represents healthcare workers across clinics and hospitals who provide telehealth services to clients who rely on them for medical consultation, treatment, and access to life-saving medication.

The availability of telehealth services is particularly crucial for individuals living in remote areas, those with mobility issues, and people who might face barriers to in-person visits. Making healthcare more convenient and accessible will also have a positive impact on health outcomes by allowing individuals to seek care in a timely fashion and will help consumers to save money by reducing unnecessary travel. 1199 SEIU urges a favorable report on HB 869.

Sincerely,

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