

House HGO Committee

HB0869 Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025

Support

Dear Honorable Joseline Pena-Melnyk, Chair and Honorable Bonnie Cullison, Vice-Chair and HGO Committee Members:

I am a community advocate who is the parent of an adult son who has multiple disabilities including intellectual and developmental disabilities and visual impairment.

Please vote in support of **HB0869** which would extend Medicaid and other health plans coverage for telehealth appointments which are audio only beyond June 30,2025. Individuals with disabilities in many cases do not have access to transportation opportunities necessary to get to appointments or the technology, including the internet necessary to initiate video calls. In many cases the cost of these services is prohibitive. Audio connections may be the only way many people can access reliable and timely health care. Not providing this opportunity becomes an equity healthcare issue.

Please vote in favor of **HB0869**. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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