

1 SEC. 6209. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN TELEHEALTH FLEXI-  
2 BILITIES.

3 (a) REMOVING GEOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS AND  
4 EXPANDING ORIGINATING SITES FOR TELEHEALTH  
5 SERVICES.—Section 1834(m) of the Social Security Act  
6 (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (2)(B)(iii), by striking “end-  
8 ing January 30, 2026” and inserting “ending De-  
9 cember 31, 2027”; and

10 (2) in paragraph (4)(C)(iii), by striking “ending  
11 on January 30, 2026” and inserting “ending on De-  
12 cember 31, 2027”.

13 (b) EXPANDING PRACTITIONERS ELIGIBLE TO FUR-  
14 NISH TELEHEALTH SERVICES.—Section 1834(m)(4)(E)  
15 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(4)(E))  
16 is amended by striking “ending on January 30, 2026” and  
17 inserting “ending on December 31, 2027”.

18 (c) EXTENDING TELEHEALTH SERVICES FOR FED-  
19 ERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS AND RURAL  
20 HEALTH CLINICS.—Section 1834(m)(8)(A) of the Social  
21 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(8)(A)) is amended by  
22 striking “ending on January 30, 2026” and inserting  
23 “ending on December 31, 2027”.

24 (d) DELAYING THE IN-PERSON REQUIREMENTS  
25 UNDER MEDICARE FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

1 FURNISHED THROUGH TELEHEALTH AND TELE-  
2 COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY.—

3 (1) DELAY IN REQUIREMENTS FOR MENTAL  
4 HEALTH SERVICES FURNISHED THROUGH TELE-  
5 HEALTH.—Section 1834(m)(7)(B)(i) of the Social  
6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(7)(B)(i)) is  
7 amended, in the matter preceding subclause (I), by  
8 striking “on or after January 31, 2026” and insert-  
9 ing “on or after January 1, 2028”.

10 (2) MENTAL HEALTH VISITS FURNISHED BY  
11 RURAL HEALTH CLINICS.—Section 1834(y)(2) of the  
12 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(y)(2)) is  
13 amended by striking “January 31, 2026” and in-  
14 serting “January 1, 2028”.

15 (3) MENTAL HEALTH VISITS FURNISHED BY  
16 FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS.—Section  
17 1834(o)(4)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
18 1395m(o)(4)(B)) is amended by striking “January  
19 31, 2026” and inserting “January 1, 2028”.

20 (e) ALLOWING FOR THE FURNISHING OF AUDIO-  
21 ONLY TELEHEALTH SERVICES.—Section 1834(m)(9) of  
22 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(9)) is  
23 amended by striking “ending on January 30, 2026” and  
24 inserting “ending on December 31, 2027”.

1 (f) EXTENDING USE OF TELEHEALTH TO CONDUCT  
2 FACE-TO-FACE ENCOUNTER PRIOR TO RECERTIFICATION  
3 OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HOSPICE CARE.—

(B) by inserting “, except that this sub-clause shall not apply in the case of such an encounter with an individual occurring on or after January 31, 2026, if such individual is located in an area that is subject to a moratorium on the enrollment of hospice programs under this title pursuant to section 1866(j)(7), if such individual is receiving hospice care from a provider that is subject to enhanced oversight under this title pursuant to section 1866(j)(3), or if such encounter is performed by a hospice physician or nurse practitioner who is not enrolled under section 1866(j) and is not an opt-out physician or practitioner (as defined in section 1802(b)(6)(D))” before the semicolon.

11 (g) REQUIRING MODIFIERS FOR TELEHEALTH SERV-  
12 ICES IN CERTAIN INSTANCES.—Section 1834(m) of the  
13 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)) is amended by  
14 adding at the end the following new paragraph:

15                   “(10) REQUIRED USE OF MODIFIERS IN CER-  
16                   TAIN INSTANCES.—Not later than January 1, 2027,  
17                   the Secretary shall establish requirements to include  
18                   one or more codes or modifiers, as determined ap-  
19                   propriate by the Secretary, in the case of—

20                   “(A) claims for telehealth services under  
21                   this subsection that are furnished through a  
22                   telehealth virtual platform—

1                             “(ii) for which a physician or practitioner has a payment arrangement with an entity for use of such virtual platform; and

2                             “(B) claims for telehealth services under

3                             this subsection that are furnished incident to a physician’s or practitioner’s professional service.”.

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8                             (h) IMPLEMENTATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Health and Human Services may implement the amendments made by this section by program instruction or otherwise.

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12 **SEC. 6210. EXTENDING ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME**

13                             **WAIVER FLEXIBILITIES.**

14                             (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1866G(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395cc–7(a)(1)) is amended by striking “January 30, 2026” and inserting “September 17 30, 2030”.

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18                             (b) REQUIRING ADDITIONAL STUDY AND REPORT.—

19                             Section 1866G of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.

20                             1395cc–7) is amended—

21                             (1) in subsection (a)(3)(E)—

22                                 (A) in clause (ii), by striking “the study described in subsection (b)” and inserting “the studies described in subsections (b) and (c)”; and