

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.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1814(a)(7)(D)(i)(II)
5 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1395f(a)(7)(D)(i)(II)) is amended—

7 (A) by striking “ending on January 30,
8 2026” and inserting “ending on December 31,
9 2027”; and

10 (B) by inserting “, except that this sub-
11 clause shall not apply in the case of such an en-
12 counter with an individual occurring on or after
13 January 31, 2026, if such individual is located
14 in an area that is subject to a moratorium on
15 the enrollment of hospice programs under this
16 title pursuant to section 1866(j)(7), if such in-
17 dividual is receiving hospice care from a pro-
18 vider that is subject to enhanced oversight
19 under this title pursuant to section 1866(j)(3),
20 or if such encounter is performed by a hospice
21 physician or nurse practitioner who is not en-
22 rolled under section 1866(j) and is not an opt-
23 out physician or practitioner (as defined in sec-
24 tion 1802(b)(6)(D))” before the semicolon.

1 (2) REQUIRING USE OF MODIFIER.—Section
2 1814(a)(7)(D)(i)(II) of the Social Security Act (42
3 U.S.C. 1395f(a)(7)(D)(i)(II)), as amended by para-
4 graph (1), is further amended by inserting “, but
5 only if, in the case of such an encounter occurring
6 on or after January 1, 2027, any hospice claim in-
7 cludes 1 or more modifiers or codes (as specified by
8 the Secretary) to indicate that such encounter was
9 conducted via telehealth” after “as determined ap-
10 propriate by the Secretary”.

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—

23 “(i) by a physician or practitioner
24 that contracts with an entity that owns
25 such virtual platform; or

1 “(ii) for which a physician or practi-
2 tioner has a payment arrangement with an
3 entity for use of such virtual platform; and
4 “(B) claims for telehealth services under
5 this subsection that are furnished incident to a
6 physician’s or practitioner’s professional serv-
7 ice.”.

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

12 **SEC. 6210. EXTENDING ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME**
13 **WAIVER FLEXIBILITIES.**

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

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
23 described in subsection (b)” and inserting “the
24 studies described in subsections (b) and (c)”;
25 and