



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

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WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: BILL ANDERSON		PHONE NUMBER: 573-893-3700	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
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CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65109
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WITNESS NAME: DEREK LEFFERT		PHONE NUMBER: 573-280-8500	
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WITNESS NAME: ELIZABETH PETERSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The telehealth that makes it possible for mental health patients to be for instance doing their counseling with certain long term comprehensive treatment behavioral during Covid-19 the restrictions were lifted to go in person. This has been a huge blessing for the patient that I have direct power of attorney over. His health at times is not so good and to be able to relax instead of sitting in a waiting room first and transporting to the clinic setting second lastly to be able to have companionship of his pet whilst doing his counseling session actually lowers the patients nerves during the session. When I think back to pre-covid standards of expectation to appear with counseling seemed often so difficult to meet the patient is stressed and with anxiety up the day before to go to the appointment itself can lend to concerns of what if the patient has a slight headache that next day or just any little struggle that often makes leaving to go out of the house more of a burden than a blessing. The sessions online with video counseling or sometimes even just by phone if there is a technical issue have built a better experience for the patient's overall ability to meet the required counseling sessions and not see them as so intrusive to physically taxing on going to them in person. The struggles that were once an expectation to make an appointment can be overwhelming to someone who is just wanting to relax and be counseled there is an important functionality to the online methodology. It is now becoming preferred and the patient is also grateful with the primary care physician services also being able to serve from telemedicine as oft when ill the trip to see the doctor is too daunting and when a patient is in an ill state or a weakened state physically forcing them to transport and wait in a waiting room and go through all those steps in that condition is also very much tumultuous for the patient to live up to that expectation. Which is difficult on all parties trying to help the patient stay comfortable whilst they are experiencing any type of illness level. I truly hope the telehealth will continue to be offered past this covid time frame. The patient is suppose to be the one the system is designed for to help them with more ease this is the best for the patient who is disabled and wanting to keep up their counseling obligations and or see there physician when they are sick and uncomfortable. The main reason the patient that I am power of attorney for the main reason he is getting more help is because of the accessibility of telehealth. When he now thinks of going back to not having it available that is upsetting to think about.



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WITNESS NAME: SHANTEL DOOLING		PHONE NUMBER: 573-353-3828	
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WITNESS NAME: SHANNON COOPER		PHONE NUMBER: 660-890-1432	
REPRESENTING: AMERICA's HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS		TITLE:	
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