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WITNESS NAME: AMY R. BECK, PHD		PHONE NUMBER: 417-227-0960	
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I am in Support of this Bill.I Supported this Bill in 2024.



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WITNESS NAME: BRIAN BERNSKOETTER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am the Past President and the Government and Policy Chairperson for the Missouri Mental Health Counselors Association. In addition, I am the Treasurer for the Missouri Association of School Psychologists. We support this bill as it would provide access to mental health services for all Missourians. As mental health professionals, we should have all tools available to us to help people that need help. This issue is about access and being able to provide services to people who need it.



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTOPHER LEHMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Telehealth for Missourians is here to stay. Barriers of access, cost, scheduling, travel & time management are alleviated or eliminated if telehealth is offered and agreed upon by the clinician & patient. Audio only or audio included telehealth should be a viable option & insured, so long as the care provider ensures that HIPPA is adhered to.



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WITNESS NAME: DEREK LEFFERT		PHONE NUMBER: 573-280-8500	
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Telehealth is a vital tool that enhances efficiencies, expands the reach of health care providers, and provides alternative options for those patients who may be unable to attend in person appointments. By permitting this revised version of telehealth, more providers can connect with those who may be in remote areas that lack high speed internet connections that are often required under current circumstances. The members of the Association of Missouri Nurse Practitioners support HB 825 and ask the committee to do pass this important piece of legislation.



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WITNESS NAME: DR. PAUL T. KORTE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Working with patients living in rural Missouri, distance/transportation and technology limitations can be barriers to much needed mental health care. Too often, patients forgo valuable psychotherapy service because of these barriers to care. In my experience as a mental health professional, I've often had patients who are unable to travel to my office for services due to time, money, or limited ability to drive. Likewise, these individuals are then limited in telehealth services because many of Missouri's rural communities are still without high-speed internet. I have patients who are highly motivated to engage in services to address their mental health concerns but continue to struggle with mental health over a much longer period of time than what is necessary due to these barriers to care. I primarily offer psychotherapy, much of which can be adequately provided through audio-only telehealth. This bill helps us to continue providing invaluable services to our rural Missourians and bring mental health recovery to those that would otherwise be unable to access care.



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WITNESS NAME: EARL SIMMS		PHONE NUMBER: 636-875-9550	
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WITNESS NAME: GARRETT WEBB		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This Missouri Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, representing more than 1,100 physicians, trainees, and pediatric-provider members throughout Missouri strongly supports this legislation.



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WITNESS NAME: HEIDI N. LUCAS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-616-2740	
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WITNESS NAME: JACOB SCOTT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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In support of the bill



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WITNESS NAME: JAMEY MURPHY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: JESSICA PETRIE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-635-6092	
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SSM Health is supportive of Telehealth legislation that increases access for patients.



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WITNESS NAME: KELSEY COOK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am an individual who has benefitted from telehealth services, and I have friends with ME and Long Covid who RELY on these services to SURVIVE. Every single day. Our state CANNOT let TeleHealth services die.



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WITNESS NAME: KYNA IMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-651-1185	
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WITNESS NAME: MARILYN MCLEOD		PHONE NUMBER: 573-239-3708	
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The League of Women Voters supports HB 825. Health care providers should not be limited in their choice of which electronic platforms are used to deliver services provided that services delivered are in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996. Telehealth services provide a cost effective means to treat a range of health concerns given transportation challenges and other barriers traveling to health visits. This is especially valuable to older people and people who live in rural areas.



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Chair Stinnett and Members of the Committee -On behalf of Health Forward Foundation (Health Forward), I submit this written testimony in support of House Bills 822 and 825. Health Forward works to support and build inclusive, powerful, and health communities characterized by racial equity and economically just systems. We support this bill as it would greatly expand and enhance offerings for telehealth services across the state by allowing for audiovisual and audio-only technology. This legislation would help more people access the benefits of telehealth. We know the evidence that telehealth is just as effective as in-person delivery of services, while operating at less cost (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0738399118300533>). In a time where costs only seem to be rising, this is a sound way of helping pull back costs to both consumers and providers. Adding the audio-only component to qualifying telehealth services increases the amount of reach and equity benefits that telehealth can provide. At a broad level, telehealth strengthens rural health care and connects people to services they may not otherwise have access to (<https://www.ruralhealth.us/blogs/2023/12/integrating-telehealth-strengthening-rural-health-care-delivery>). Furthermore, we know that for individuals who lack access to the internet or to a smartphone, providing for telehealth with an audio-only option will help increase the equitable delivery of care to those individuals who are unable to access them due to being left behind digitally (<https://www.healthaffairs.org/content/forefront/beyond-broadband-equity-access-and-benefits-audio-only-telehealth>). Health Forward asks legislators on this committee to vote YES on HBs 822 and 825. These bills offer a meaningful and cost-effective way for people lacking internet or smartphones to bridge the access gap to health services. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or would like additional resources at nmadden@healthforward.org Respectfully, Nathan J. Madden, Ph.D. Impact Strategist - Policy Health Forward Foundation



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WITNESS NAME: RICK JAY SHORT, JR		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am a licensed psychologist provided behavioral health services in a primary care setting. The patients attending this particular clinic would be considered rural and often travel well over half an hour, or two hours in some cases, in order to receive care at this particular clinic (i.e., seeing their primary care provider for over a decade). Additionally, these individuals often have difficulties maintaining consistent internet connections, have a diminished digital literacy, and may not even have a laptop or recent smartphone. Audio-only telehealth has allowed me to provide high-quality care to these patients without them having to travel hours back and forth to the clinic. If these patients experience a drop in quality of connection, I can continue to provide them with care via audio-only telehealth. Audio-only telehealth has dramatically reduced the number of barriers my patients have in accessing behavioral health services at my clinic. Audio-only telehealth only improves care for our patients.



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Good evening! My name is Toniann Richard, CEO of HCC Network, a rural community health center located in West Central Missouri. I am writing in strong support of HB 825 and HB 822 to ensure telehealth services, specifically the provision of delivery through audio and audio-visual means, remain a priority for Missouri. During the COVID-19 Pandemic many contingencies were made to ensure people had access to healthcare services including the utilization of different platforms for telehealth including audio via phone, computer or other device as well as audio-visual via technology platforms such as Apple FaceTime, ZOOM and Microsoft TEAMS. It became clear, very quickly, that these platforms provided a safe environment for patients. Providers were also satisfied with the ability to use audio and audio-visual methods to triage and (when appropriate) treat the patient. Several other COVID-19 Telehealth modified regulations were adopted by CMS and are being considered for permanent implementation, including regulatory flexibilities including distance site requirements, allowable services and waivers for payment. HCC Network partners with other safety net providers for expanding services in our service area. Please reach out if you need any additional information. Thank you for your strong consideration for this legislation.



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Mercy is supportive of advances in technology that allow for more access to patient care, especially in rural areas.



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