

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Colleague:

We are writing to ask that you join us in urging the newly created Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (Innovation Center) within the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to choose remote telehealth monitoring as one of their initial demonstration projects.

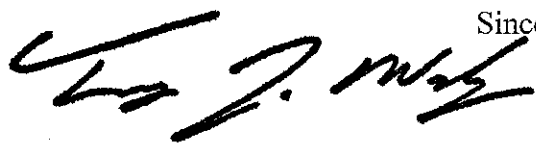
H.R. 3590, The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, created the Innovation Center to establish demonstration projects designed to examine new ideas for delivering services, reducing costs, and prompting innovation in Medicare.

Remote monitoring of patients in their homes is a delivery model that will touch all three of the Innovation Center objectives. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has realized considerable success with remote monitoring—achieving reduced numbers of bed days of care, reduced hospital readmissions and high levels of patient satisfaction.

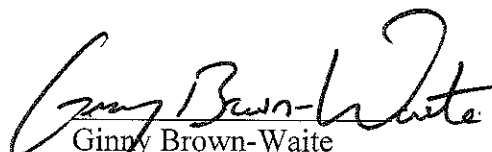
Given the VA's success with using technology for the remote monitoring of veterans, this clearly is a path that CMS should be exploring. The attached letter urges that CMS identify remote monitoring telehealth demonstration projects as a priority to be implemented through the new CMS Innovation Center.

Please contact Leah Rosales with Congressman Walz at 5-2472 or leah.rosales@mail.house.gov or Justin Grabelle with Congresswoman Brown-Waite at 5-1002 or justin.grabelle@mail.house.gov should you have questions or want to cosign this letter.

Sincerely,



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