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The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers Chair

The Honorable Frank Pallone Ranking Member

physicians and patients rely on. In order to preserve patient access to telehealth, Congress must extend these flexibilities beyond this year.

## Removing geographic requirements and expanding originating sites for telehealth

ACP has long-standing policy that supports lifting geographic site restrictions and expanding originating sites so that patients can receive virtual care at home and elsewhere based on their needs and clinical appropriateness. ‡

location, telehealth is often the only way they can receive timely and appropriate care from their physician, rather than using costlier options like the urgent care or the emergency department. We strongly support legislation that would remove geographic restrictions on where a patient must be located in order to utilize telehealth services and expand eligible

They provide comprehensive care, including primary and preventive care services, for millions of Americans in medically underserved communities.

ACP is pleased to learn of the inclusion of provisions for pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) reform, included as an amendment in the markup for H.R. 7623. We strongly support improving transparency, accountability, and competition in PBM practices to reduce the price of prescription drugs for our patients. Prescription drug prices have <u>increased</u> by more than 10 percent per year for each of the top 20 brand-

## Conclusion

We strongly urge the House Committee on Energy and Commerce to support the bills underscored in this letter and we stand ready to serve as a resource to promote these policies as these bills are considered further by the House of Representatives. Should you have any questions, please contact Vy Oxman, Senior Associate of Legislative Affairs, at <a href="mailto:voxman@acponline.org">voxman@acponline.org</a>.

Sincerely,



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