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The American Mobile & Teledentistry Alliance Releases Endorsement for The Telehealth Extension Act of 2021

December 9, 2021 - The American Mobile & Teledentistry Alliance is proud to release a statement of endorsement for the recently introduced *Telehealth Extension Act of 2021*, a bipartisan bill to allow permanent access to telehealth for patients by ending geographic and site restrictions on where patients can receive approved virtual services.

“The American Mobile and Teledentistry Alliance (AMTA) supports the Telehealth Extension Act of 2021. AMTA and its members recognize the importance of utilizing telehealth services to better reach patients who may not have access to traditional dental care clinics. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted many of the barriers patients face in accessing essential emergent and preventive dental care. Telehealth services are a critical tool that can overcome these barriers and more readily connect patients with dental care providers. The telehealth policies put in place as emergency authorizations must be permanent in our modern healthcare system. This bill will also better help all people, including those in underserved communities, by ensuring Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), Indian Health Service facilities, Long Term Care (LTC) facilities, school-based programs, and mobile dental clinics have alternative modalities for patient examination and communication. This will allow for more efficient and informed treatment planning and delivery of emergent, restorative, and preventive care.” -Dr. McAllister Castelaz, 2021 President-Elect

About the American Mobile & Teledentistry Alliance

The American Mobile & Teledentistry Alliance (AMTA) is a leading resource for dental organizations, professionals and affiliated partners interested in expanding patient care models and utilizing technology in daily services. A 501(c)(4) institution and membership organization, AMTA is dedicated to educating the worldwide dental community on the latest technological advancements, new delivery care models and advocacy to expand patient care. Corporate, organizational and individual memberships are available. Membership is free for students and individuals who live outside of the United States. For more information, visit www.amda.net.

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