

Dear Members of Committee:

Please approve Bill LCO 3614 - An Act Concerning Telehealth.

As a parent of two children with complex needs we need to be able to continue all of our services - Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Mental Health Therapy as well as numerous doctors appointments in a safe way. To pay for these services out of pocket would be a tremendous hardship and so it is vital that insurance cover the costs as they have for the last four months.

My son is in the high risk category due to multiple medical issues and going into an office is not an option during this crisis. His sister cannot do her therapy/appointments in person as she could bring home the virus and put him at risk.

Every therapy session my children have helps their daily lives and is vital in helping them progress towards being healthy, successful and contributing adults.

We cannot wait until the Covid-19 crisis has been resolved for therapy to happen. The telehealth services have been vital through this crisis and we need them to continue until we can once again go back safely to in-person sessions.

Thank you for supporting my kids and all those who depend on their therapies especially during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
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