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Good Afternoon,

I'm writing this testimony as a mother to a child who receives intense speech therapy daily. When the pandemic hit we were faced with an abrupt cancelation to a service that is greatly needed. In the short amount of time that my daughter didn't receive speech therapy we saw a regression in her speech. As a mother, I want nothing more but to give to my child what she needs. Countless days and hours on the phone with the insurance company to fight for my daughter to receive alternate services because COVID forced the nation to change/shut down. Telehealth therapy has allowed her to receive one-on-one therapy with minimizing the risk of exposure to COVID. We were introduced to Telehealth Therapy thru our speech therapist. This has been what has saved my daughter! As a child with underlying medical conditions she is categorized in the high risk with COVID. Teletherapy works! Her speech has improved, she's is able to have the face to face on-on-one therapy that she desperately needs and deserves to have. This service is essential please do not take this away from my daughter and all other children who need this. Teletherapy is the safest way to keep my daughter as well as other vulnerable children with underlying medical conditions safe and still allow them to receive the therapy that they need and most certainly deserve.

Teletherapy has been such a great success that we will be starting Occupation Therapy via Telehealth this week!!

Thank you for taking the time to read this. As a mother to a child with special needs therapies are very important and Teletherapy is safe and affective.

Best Regard.