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across all our specialties, experiencing over a 700% increase in visit volume compared to pre-pandemic volumes. The flexibilities provided during the pandemic have helped our doctors and patients work together to avoid negative consequences of delayed care, whether preventive, routine or chronic.

Waivers, such as expanding what are considered covered sites of service for telehealth, have allowed our patients to access care via telehealth in their own homes, enabling continuity of care. Additionally, allowing audio-only visits to be reimbursable has been beneficial to our patients, some of whom could not access video. For example, audio-



We encourage Congress to consider a pilot to allow schools and early care and education centers,

receive appropriate care by either providing telehealth access to a clinician or directing families to the most appropriate in-person care setting.

**Nemours Children's encourages Congress to pass the following legislation which would increase a**

Children's Hospital Association (CHA) has noted that the shortages in the mental health workforce are projected to increase over time with severe shortages in pediatric specialties. The telehealth flexibilities have enabled Nemours Children's to ensure that we have the necessary

sources like PubMed and could aggregate relevant external sources of data that may be useful to health care providers and patients.

## CONCLUSION

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