

Dear Chairman Carpenter and Health and Human Services Committee members,

I work in a surgery oncology clinic and many patients travel from out of state to have a total gastrectomy for gastric cancer. I follow them after surgery and beyond since having no stomach GREATLY impacts their nutrition. Just today I received a request for a telehealth appointment for a pt who needs my help since he cannot eat anything without reflux, but he lives in Oklahoma so I cannot help him. He does not have access to a dietitian in his state, so he won't be able to receive the care that he needs and is at risk for becoming malnourished. This type of situation happens way too often! I am not able to give necessary care to patients who need a dietitian simply because I am not licensed in their state, but having compact licensure would allow my patient to receive the urgent care that they often need.

Thank you!

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