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Permanent Telehealth Flexibilities Should Not Be Controversial

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As yet another government shutdown looms, telehealth's uncertainty remains -- and seniors risk paying the price.

While headlines about the last government closure focused on insurance premiums, millions of seniors across the country temporarily lost one important and easy way to seek healthcare. Access to telehealth was severely hampered by Washington's inaction. While the stopgap funding law reinstated virtual care flexibility, it only lasts through January 30. With another shutdown looming, this critical means of healthcare access is at risk again.

Our seniors deserve better, and Congress must implement a permanent fix.