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Chair Wiklund and Members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee,

We are writing to you today on behalf of the Minnesota Hospital Association (MHA) in support of SF 2743 (Utke) and the extension of Medical Assistance (MA) coverage for audio-only telehealth services.

MA coverage for audio-only telehealth services has been invaluable in expanding access to critical health care services and helping mitigate provider workforce shortages across Minnesota. The telehealth study released by MDH in September 2024 clearly outlines how audio-only telehealth is an important tool to increase availability of equitable care to patients with behavioral health and chronic care conditions, as well as individuals with limited broadband access.

MHA encourages this Committee and the full legislature to support SF 2743 (Utke) and its preservation of patient access to telehealth services in all geographic areas of the state by extending coverage of MA audio-only telehealth services.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

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