



March 15, 2021

The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 5144  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 32 (Aguiar-Curry) Telehealth – Support**

Dear Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry,

On behalf of the California State Association of Psychiatrists, I write in support of your AB 32.

AB 32 seeks to make current telehealth flexibilities permanent under state law. Telehealth modalities, like phone and video calls, and remote enrollment in state health programs, have been critical in providing health care during COVID-19, but are currently contingent upon federal and state public health emergency declarations.

The expansion of telehealth during the COVID-19 pandemic has been critical during such a challenging time. Telehealth transformed healthcare during the nation's worst health crisis allowing patients to maintain timely access to care while also mitigating COVID-19 exposure. Access to healthcare should not require a state of emergency nor depend upon a person's location, mobility, or income.

For these reasons, the California State Association of Psychiatrists supports AB 32. Thank you for your authorship of this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Yoder', is placed below the word 'Sincerely,'.

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Legislative Advocate

CC: Chair and Members, Senate Health Committee

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