



February 14, 2025

The Honorable Steve Womack  
3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District of Arkansas  
2412 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Womack,

On behalf of AMAC Action, the advocacy affiliate of AMAC – Association of Mature American Citizens with over 2 million members nationwide, we are pleased to offer our strong support for the Protecting Veteran Access to Telemedicine Services Act of 2025. This important legislation will permanently extend telehealth flexibilities that allow Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) healthcare professionals to prescribe medically necessary controlled substances via telemedicine without requiring an in-person visit.

America's veterans deserve convenient, timely access to the care they need, especially those living in rural areas. More than 2.7 million veterans in rural communities face significant barriers to accessing VA healthcare, with travel distances and clinic shortages often delaying critical care. During the pandemic, temporary telehealth exemptions helped fill this gap, ensuring veterans could receive essential care and medication from the safety and comfort of their homes. By making these successful telehealth practices permanent, your bill will continue to improve healthcare access for veterans and reduce the disparities faced by those in rural areas.

The Protecting Veteran Access to Telemedicine Services Act addresses an urgent need by preserving these life-saving telehealth services and eliminating unnecessary bureaucratic obstacles that restrict access to care. Without this legislative fix, the temporary exemption will expire at the end of 2025, once again limiting access to necessary medications for veterans who need them most. This would be especially harmful for older veterans managing chronic conditions that require ongoing care and prescription treatments.

This bill is a commonsense solution that builds on proven telehealth practices, protects veteran healthcare, and promotes greater equity in access for rural and underserved populations. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew J. Mangione Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Andrew J. Mangione Jr.  
Senior Vice President  
AMAC Action