



March 18, 2013

The Honorable John Thune
United States Senate SD-511
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
302 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Thune and Klobuchar:

On behalf of HealthEverywhere, I am writing in support of the Fostering Independence through Technology (FITT) Act of 2013. HealthEverywhere is a Washington, DC based collaboration of remote patient monitoring (RPM) policy and industry stakeholders dedicated to providing Medicare beneficiaries' broad access to RPM. Our goal is to contribute to better patient outcomes and lower costs for the healthcare system using home-based RPM services that supplement care management by providing a range of clinical and supporting information. We focus our efforts on enhancing federal healthcare policies in order to provide Medicare beneficiaries with access to RPM through Medicare coverage and reimbursement.

The coverage and introduction of RPM into the Medicare system would provide the program an innovative opportunity to change care delivery and clinical management for millions of beneficiaries. RPM for the management of chronic diseases in older adults has demonstrated its contribution to the avoidance of deterioration of the patient's condition and to reduction in healthcare costs. Studies have shown it can decrease mortality rates and improve quality adjusted life years (QALYs). It is also effective at reducing hospital readmissions and health care utilization overall.

The FITT Act is an incremental step toward ensuring beneficiaries have access to the RPM. Further, the FITT Act supports continued care innovation within the home health industry by providing an incentive-based structure through which to implement and continue the use of RPM.

For these reasons, we lend our support to the FITT Act and look forward to its passage and subsequently working with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on its implementation.

Thank you for your support of innovative technologies and an industry that allows patients to receive quality care in the familiarity and comfort of their homes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Ryan', written over a light blue circular graphic element.

John Ryan
Philips Healthcare, on behalf of HealthEverywhere