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Resolution on State-Based Licensure and Regulation of Health Professionals in the Area of Telehealth

WHEREAS, telehealth is a relatively recent innovation that utilizes telecommunications technology which transports patients or heath professionals across great distances; and

WHEREAS, telehealth is an important state issue that offers enhanced quality, efficiency, and access to health care; and

WHEREAS, the state-based system of licensure and regulation of health professionals has served all interests well; and

WHEREAS, the transportation of patients or health professionals across state boundaries via telecommunications raises interstate commerce issues that the United States Constitution grants to Congress; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a duplicative federal system of regulation for health professionals would be inefficient, unnecessary, not cost effective and further burden the health care delivery system.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that {State} urges Congress to properly safeguard patient safety and ensure high professional standards in the area of telehealth while maintaining the traditional state regulation of health professions.

BE IT RESOLVED, that {State} urges Congress to solely address the interstate commerce concerns of telehealth

BE IT RESOLVED, that {State} urges Congress to ensure state autonomy and regulation of the health professions

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be distributed to the Governor

Adopted by the Health and Human Services Task Force and approved by the ALEC Board of Directors in 1999

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