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March 17, 2020

The Honorable J. Kevin Stitt
Governor, State of Oklahoma
Oklahoma State Capitol
2300 N Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Governor Stitt:

I am writing in response to the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) announcement that the coronavirus, COVID-19, is now an epidemic in the United States and the effort is underway to limit its community spread. **I am requesting that, during this temporary public health crisis, all insurances, both public and private, would permit all primary and specialty care services to be provided via telemedicine and or via telephone using the established CPT codes commonly used during in-person care.**

On behalf of the more than 2,000 members of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association, I am concerned about continued access to treatment during this period when patients are being advised to limit their interactions with the community at large to help mitigate the health crisis.

With the spread of the virus, and the CDC's current guidelines to slow that spread, access to vital primary and specialty care will now be limited to an even greater proportion of the population, at large. This is especially problematic for immuno-compromised patients and older adults, where the likelihood of contracting and dying from the virus is exponentially greater.

Please help us to continue to provide needed care to Oklahoma patients. I can be reached at timothy-moser@ouhsc.edu or at 405-550-0665. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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