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Republicans are leading with a new agenda that will modernize health care to improve Americans' quality of life. Instead of Washington bureaucrats rationing health care using Medicare for All, patients will be empowered through increased access to convenient, high-quality care. Our three pillars of modernization are:

SAFEGUARD AND MAINTAIN EXPANDED TELEHEALTH ACCESS

The problem: Americans came to rely on telehealth services during the pandemic, but their ability to access those services is largely dependent upon the COVID-19 declared public health emergency. To ensure long-term availability of appropriate telehealth services, we must:

- Address originating site requirements and geographic restrictions, allowing patients – particularly seniors on Medicare – to visit with doctors from the comfort of their homes, or wherever is most convenient for them.
- Maximize employer-sponsored coverage of telehealth and related remote care services through health savings accounts (HSAs) or other innovative payment models.

CRACK DOWN ON FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE

The problem: Up to 20% of the taxpayer dollars paying for government health care programs are wasted on improper payments for things like care of deceased individuals. To ensure the long-term viability of necessary health care programs, we must:

- Incentivize states to crack down on fraud and make fewer improper Medicaid payments.
- Utilize state-of-the-art technology, including artificial intelligence and automation, to improve the integrity and efficiency of federal health programs, saving patients both time and money.

EXPAND ACCESS TO INNOVATIVE, PATIENT-CENTERED TECHNOLOGIES

The problem: Our health care system fails to optimize available data and resources. To ensure the long-term feasibility of keeping up with new developments in a way that is trusted by patients, we must:

- Empower patients by giving them ownership of who can access their personal health care information and establish data-sharing standards that prioritize privacy and security.
- Streamline and clarify regulatory approaches to medical devices, wearable technology, and AI to provide more health care products that improve individuals' well-being.
- Ensure Electronic Health Records are built around patients and are interoperable, leading to a reduction in the amount of time spent on paperwork, lower risk of missed information, and more effective communication between medical devices to improve patient care coordination.