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Barbra Smith
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Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision
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RE: ATA ACTION SUPPORT FOR MD- CHAPTER 10- PROPOSED AMENDED RULES

Dear Ms. Smith and members of the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision,

On behalf of ATA Action, I am writing to offer support for Proposed Amended Rules OK ADC § 435:10-1-1.

ATA Action, the American Telemedicine Association's affiliated trade association focused on advocacy, advances policy to ensure all individuals have permanent access to telehealth services across the care continuum. ATA Action supports the enactment of state and federal telehealth coverage and fair payment policies to secure telehealth access for all Americans, including those in rural and underserved communities. ATA Action recognizes that telehealth and virtual care have the potential to truly transform the health care delivery system – by improving patient outcomes, enhancing safety and effectiveness of care, addressing health disparities, and reducing costs – if only allowed to flourish.

ATA Action applauds the board's modernization of the definition of telehealth to include synchronous, asynchronous, and remote patient monitoring services. ATA Action believes that so long as the provider obtains the patient's consent for the use of telehealth services, verifies the patient's identity, and discloses his or her own identity and credentials he or she should be able to use any appropriate telehealth modality that is sufficient to evaluate and treat the patient for the condition presented – whether it be a synchronous or asynchronous modality.

ATA Action urges the board to adopt Proposed Amended Rules OK ADC § 435:10-1-1.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please do not hesitate to let us know how we can be helpful in your efforts to advance common-sense telehealth policy in Oklahoma. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the telehealth industry's perspective further, please contact me at kzebley@ataaction.org.

Kind regards,

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