

Connect Americans Now: Celebrates telehealth awareness week and urges congress to act to close digital divide

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Washington, D.C. - Connect Americans Now (CAN) executive director Richard T. Cullen released the following statement celebrating the inaugural [Telehealth Awareness Week](#).

“Too many Americans without broadband access, devices or digital skills are unable to unlock the full potential of telehealth solutions that can increase access to care, improve health care outcomes and enhance quality of life,” Cullen said. “CAN is proud to participate in Telehealth Awareness Week and use this opportunity to highlight the need for every American community, regardless of zip code, to have access to an affordable and reliable broadband connection that can support virtual care solutions.”

“Americans’ use of broadband-enabled telehealth solutions climbed [35 percent](#) from 2019 to 2020 and more than [75 percent](#) of Americans say they would like to use telehealth services in the future,” Cullen added. “Congress must act to ensure Americans aren’t left behind — by passing the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and advancing additional, permanent solutions to ensure digital equity for every community.”

Founded in 2017, Connect Americans Now (CAN) is a broad-based coalition of more than 300 companies and organizations representing leading voices in agriculture, education, health care, veterans’ issues, technology and small business — committed to urgent action to completely eliminate the digital divide in every

American community.

Read about how the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will improve broadband connectivity and digital equity [HERE](#).

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