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Good Morning SHRM Savannah,

Below you will find legislative information from SHRM National Governmental Affairs that may impact your industry. Have a great work week: **“Teach us to give and not count the cost- Saint Ignatius”**

On Friday March 11th, President Biden signed the \$1.5 trillion spending bill [H.R. 2471](#), that will fund the government through September.

The bill includes provisions that will reinstate first dollar coverage of telehealth services for HDHPs (high deductible health plans) from April through the end of the year. First dollar coverage benefits employees because it allows health insurance providers to cover telehealth services without a patient having to first pay their copay or deductible. SHRM [research](#) found that throughout the COVID-19 pandemic 43 percent of organizations expanded telehealth services and 49 percent maintained telehealth benefits.

In January, SHRM sent a [letter](#) to Congress calling on congressional leaders to restore the ability of organizations to provide pre-deductible telehealth services for HDHPs. These provisions will benefit workers and the workplace, and SHRM will continue its advocacy to make them permanent.

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