

March 5, 2018

The Honorable Seema Verma
Administrator
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Department of Health & Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

RE: Comments Regarding 2019 Proposed Changes to Medicare Advantage

Dear Administrator Verma,

I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and my wife. My wife retired from the State of Texas, and we have received Medicare Advantage Retiree Plan coverage from Humana for 11 years. Our plan is excellent, and I am concerned about any changes that could impact the level of care we are used to receiving.

In our Humana plan, we have a \$0 deductible and a \$0 copay which helps us manage our costs. We also have access to dental, hearing, and vision benefits which are very important to seniors. I have several heart conditions and the exceptional care and access to dedicated providers helps me manage my chronic conditions.

I urge Washington to consider the real lives that would be impacted if harmful changes to Medicare Advantage Retiree Plans are made. There are 4 million Americans that would have to adapt to these changes and many of us are low-income.

We must work together to stand up for retirees and for seniors across the country. We have worked hard and deserve access quality health care. We shouldn't have to worry about not being able to afford other necessities because our health coverage has gotten more expensive.

Again, I ask that your final decision is one that will enhance my care as a Medicare Advantage beneficiary, and not lead to more costs or reduced benefits. I am happy with the level of care I receive, and I want to keep it that way. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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