

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 a former employee of Illinois Tool Works and have received Medicare Advantage coverage since retiring. As a senior who relies on my social security and pension checks to make ends meet, I am really concerned that policymakers are proposing to make changes to Medicare Advantage employee retirement plans.

I am very pleased with my WellMed Medicare Advantage plan. My health care providers and insurance company make sure that I have a great understanding of my benefits. I also enjoy reading the booklets on Medicare Advantage to learn about updates or changes to the Medicare Advantage program.

Fortunately, I have not been affected by any health care changes thus far. However, I believe that Medicare Advantage benefits should remain stable for all seniors. I certainly would not be able to afford a rise in premiums or health care costs as a result of the proposed changes, and I'm sure many seniors would agree.

I hope policymakers continue to protect funding for Medicare Advantage and that they really consider the wellbeing of seniors on these plans who have worked very hard for these benefits.

Sincerely,

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