

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 currently on a Medicare Advantage plan and I am very satisfied with my health care coverage. I used to pay \$800 in monthly health care insurance premiums and Medicare Advantage has helped me significantly reduce my out-of-pocket costs, without reducing the quality of my care.

Older adults, chronically ill and disabled people deserve to have access to the quality health care provided by Medicare Advantage. Policymakers should work to ensure these plans remain stable for years to come.

While I am not enrolled in a Medicare Advantage employee retirement plan (EGWP), I know how important these plans are for older adults who rely on Medicare Advantage for quality, affordable health care. Older adults enrolled in these plans have worked hard to secure Medicare Advantage benefits and they should continue to have access to these vital benefits.

Policymakers must understand that their decisions to make cuts to Medicare Advantage affects real people who have worked hard for their retiree benefits. Despite your personal or political beliefs, we all should agree that health care is a basic need, especially for retired seniors.

Thank you,

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