August 30, 2022

The Honorable Chiquita Brooks-LaSure
Administrator
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Department of Health & Human Services
200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20201

RE: CMS-4203-NC – Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare Program: Request for Information on Medicare Advantage

Dear Administrator Brooks-LaSure:

The Kentucky Association of Health Plans (KAHP) appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) request for information on the Medicare Advantage program.

KAHP is the trade organization representing the Kentucky health insurance industry. Our focus is ensuring all Kentuckians have superior access and choice in a health system that delivers high-quality, affordable care.

There are currently 440,000 Kentucky seniors enrolled in Medicare Advantage, and hundreds of thousands more who are eligible to receive coverage through these high quality, high value plans. On behalf of our members, we strongly urge CMS to protect Medicare Advantage, which provides beneficiaries in Kentucky and across the country with affordable, high-quality, patient-centered coverage.

Medicare Advantage provides greater affordability for seniors. For example, Medicare Advantage beneficiaries spend almost 36 percent less than Medicare Fee for Service beneficiaries in out-of-pocket costs and premiums each year. Medicare Advantage plans also go beyond what traditional Medicare plans offer. These plans include comprehensive health

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coverage along with extra benefits such as Part D prescription drug coverage and benefits for
dental, vision, and hearing care.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our perspectives on how Medicare Advantage delivers
better services, better access to care and better value for seniors in the Commonwealth and
across the country.

Sincerely,

Thomas Stephens
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Executive Director