



August 30, 2022

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; Request for Information on Medicare Program (Medicare Advantage)

Dear Administrator Brooks-LaSure,

Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce is the leading voice for business in Maryland. We are a statewide coalition of more than 6,000 members and federated partners working to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic growth for Maryland businesses, employees, and families. We are writing today to share our support for the Medicare Advantage program.

Medicare Advantage (MA) Plans are an integral part of the private-sector health insurance market by offering Medicare benefits with reduced cost-sharing. Research shows that Medicare Advantage outperforms Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) on affordability and health outcomes producing 12% in combined savings for both government and beneficiaries compared to Medicare FFS.ⁱ Additionally, MA plans result in fewer hospitalizations, higher vaccination rates, fewer ER visits and more primary care which benefits both the government and patients.

As an important component of Maryland's private insurance market, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce urges you to protect the Medicare Advantage program and the associated cost savings and benefits afforded to Maryland employers and citizens.

Sincerely,

Maryland Chamber of Commerce

ⁱ [Milliman Report: "Value to the federal government of Medicare Advantage" - Better Medicare Alliance](#)