

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Department of Health and Human Services
Attention: CMS-4203-NC
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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Nathan Adelson Hospice and our patients that rely on Medicare Advantage, I am writing in support of Medicare Advantage. As this program continues to grow, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) must continue to evolve to meet the needs of the program's beneficiaries.

Medicare Advantage partners with local providers like us to provide the best quality and most affordable services to millions of seniors across the country and right here in Nevada. The result is better health outcomes and thousands of dollars in savings on average for Medicare Advantage beneficiaries.

Medicare Advantage is held accountable for its claim of high-quality care through the annual conduction of evaluation reports. This year, the report consisted of record-high positive feedback, stating that approximately 90% of Medicare Advantage beneficiaries are enrolled in plans with ratings of four stars or more. By creating strategic partnerships, Medicare Advantage can provide better health outcomes for its patients. Compared to their Fee-for-Service (FFS) Medicare counterparts, Medicare Advantage beneficiaries benefit from an average of 33% fewer emergency room visits. Additionally, the vaccination rates for Medicare Advantage beneficiaries are over 50% higher than those utilizing FFS Medicare programs.

CMS should continue to support this program because, overall, Medicare Advantage makes patients and all residents of Nevada healthier while reducing the strain on health and medical resources.

For providers like us, it is important that we personalize care for each individual patient and apply this plan swiftly. If CMS updates in-home health risk assessments (HRAs), this will allow us to streamline coordinated care for our patients and give them the peace of mind that their Medicare Advantage program is stable.

By making this change and continuing to evolve alongside the growing Medicare Advantage enrollment rates, Nevada's seniors can continue to access and benefit from this life-altering program. Thousands of our patients are counting on you to use your leadership to protect our state and our nation's seniors.

Sincerely,



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