



State Advocates
Working Together
to Bridge the Gaps
in Chronic Care

August 31, 2022

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Department of Health and Human Services
Attention: CMS-4203-NC
P.O. Box 8013, Baltimore, MD 21244-8013

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Nevada Chronic Care Collaborative, I am writing to you today to urge you to strengthen an important program that improves the lives of millions of seniors and more than 261,000 Silver State residents. Our seniors who use Medicare Advantage are counting on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to protect and evolve their health care plans.

The Nevada Chronic Care Collaborative is an alliance of health care leaders, providers and patient advocates who strive to improve the health of Nevada residents with chronic conditions.

Medicare Advantage plans use a network of community partnerships and health care providers that allows individuals with disabilities and seniors to access coordinated health care and helpful benefits that reduce treatment costs while improving health care outcomes. These partnerships allow for more flexible and comprehensive coverage as well as other supplemental services such as in-home support and appointment transportation. Medicare Advantage promotes individualized plans for seniors, allowing for their personal health needs to be met. This is particularly important for seniors with chronic diseases.

Additionally, seniors are overwhelmingly in agreement that it is important to have input in their health care coverage. On average in 2022, beneficiaries were given a selection of 39 Medicare Advantage plans. Choice is another component of Medicare Advantage that allows seniors to personalize their medical plans to best treat their needs. This helps many of the patients that we work with by allowing them to determine the best methods to treat their chronic diseases.

Not only are [more seniors](#) with chronic diseases enrolling in the program, a [study](#) by Avalere found that Medicare Advantage is achieving better health care outcomes for individuals with chronic diseases.

CMS should continue to strengthen and evolve Medicare advantage so that seniors can continue to have a choice in their medical care. Over 215,000 seniors rely on Medicare Advantage plans in Nevada and we are urging you to protect their health and well-being. By strengthening Medicare Advantage, you can improve the lives of the millions of Americans that enjoy these health care plans.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom McCoy".

Tom McCoy
Executive Director Government Relations