

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

Dear Administrator Brooks-LaSure:

Over 600,000 Washington seniors and retirees utilize Medicare Advantage, giving them access to high-quality, affordable health care that offers much-needed supplemental and preventative benefits. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, where Washington was an early epicenter of its spread, these benefits have made the difference between life and death for so many.

I write today on behalf of the Physicians of Southwest Washington (PSW), a leading innovator in health care focused on engagement, data analytics, and supporting the physician-patient relationship, to encourage the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to support Medicare Advantage.

As an early adopter of value-based health care, PSW understands that Medicare Advantage is cost-effective for beneficiaries and drives successful patient outcomes. More specifically, PSW offers a wide range of services, including orchestrating the successful management of delegated risk contracts, launching our own Medicare Advantage plan, and helping to build a robust infrastructure to help manage population health across health payer models.

Additionally, PSW has an extensive network of professionals working with health care providers and Medicare Advantage plans to help beneficiaries find support, obtain the best services that fit their needs, and provide the necessary education and training to make informed decisions.

Beneficiaries take advantage of many supplemental and preventative benefits that enrich their lives and provide tailored, patient-specific care that meets their everyday needs. These supplemental benefits are not always supplied under traditional Fee-For-Service (FFS) Medicare. Because of the prominence of Medicare Advantage in Washington and our market regions, PSW believes CMS and relevant policymakers should work hard every day to ensure our seniors have easy access to high-quality, affordable care.

Doing so will ensure Medicare Advantage's long-term success for the millions of Americans who rely on it, including the more than 600,000 Washingtonians. Community organizations and health care providers, including PSW, will be able to provide better services and offer seniors – and their families – much-needed peace of mind.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this critical matter.

Sincerely,



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CEO, Physicians of Southwest Washington