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The Honorable Jason Smith
Committee on Ways and Means
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Brett Guthrie
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Richard Neal
Committee on Ways and Means
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Chairman Smith, Ranking Member Neal, Chairman Guthrie, and Ranking Member Pallone,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write to thank you for your support for the Medicare Advantage (MA) program and request committee action on Representative Aaron Bean's (R-FL-04) *Apples to Apples Comparison Act* (H.R. 4093).

As MA now serves more than half of all Medicare beneficiaries, the need for sound, data-driven reform has never been greater. Policymakers and the public deserve reliable information to evaluate how the program is performing relative to traditional fee-for-service (FFS) Medicare. Unfortunately, today's analyses rely on incomplete or inconsistent data, leading to comparisons that do not fully account for differences in eligibility, benefits, or value to beneficiaries.

Representative Bean's legislation takes an important step toward correcting this deficiency. By requiring the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to publicly release standardized enrollment and spending data across coverage types and regions, and by improving how MedPAC and the Medicare Trustees analyze and report on MA and FFS costs, H.R. 4093 will ensure Congress and stakeholders can, in effect, measure twice and reform once. These improvements will help ensure that any future policy changes protect beneficiaries, preserve access to affordable, high-quality coverage, and strengthen MA's long-term sustainability.

Our organizations share your goal of maintaining MA's fiscal integrity while advancing transparency, fairness, and accountability. The *Apples-to-Apples Comparison Act* offers a practical solution that will give policymakers and the public the information needed to make thoughtful, evidence-based decisions.

We look forward to working with CMS to ensure these policy changes can be operationalized and provide additional insights as your respective committees consider policies impacting the MA program.

Thank you again for your leadership on behalf of beneficiaries and your commitment to data-driven policymaking. We look forward to working with you to advance this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Alliance of Community Health Plans (ACHP)

Allies for Independence

The American Consumer Institute

AHIP

America's Physician Groups (APG)

Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness (ABHW)

Better Medicare Alliance (BMA)

Blue Cross & Blue Shield Association (BCBSA)

Bull Moose Project

Business Group on Health

Consumer Action for a Stronger Economy (CASE)

Council for Affordable Health Coverage

(CAHC)

ERISA Industry Committee (ERIC)

Health Care Transformation Task Force

Healthcare Leadership Council (HLC)

Hispanic Leadership Fund

The National MLTSS Health Plan Association

Puerto Rico Medicaid and Medicare Advantage Products Association (MMAPA)

Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council (SBEC)

Special Needs Plan (SNP) Alliance

Taxpayers Protection Alliance

U.S. Chamber of Commerce