

**Rep. Michael C. Burgess, M.D.**  
**Opening Statement**  
**Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee Hearing**  
**CMS Administrator Seema Verma**  
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Administrator Verma, thank you for being here today. I appreciate your willingness to engage with me and with the Energy and Commerce Committee over the course of your tenure at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

I especially want to thank you for your work on providing coverage of cardiac stenting in ambulatory surgical centers. I would also like to mention that the proposed Stark Law and Anti-Kickback Statute reforms as a step in the right direction for patients and physicians. You have been a great partner in shifting our payment system to reward value over volume, and I look forward to continuing to work together.