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Dear Dr. Landers:

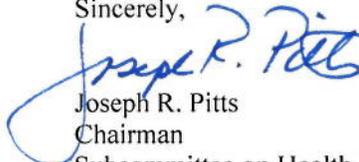
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Health on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, to testify at the hearing entitled "Keeping the Promise: Site of Service Medicare Payment Reforms."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Wednesday, June 25, 2014. Your responses should be mailed to Sydne Harwick, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20515 and emailed in Word format to Sydne.Harwick@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,


Joseph R. Pitts
Chairman
Subcommittee on Health

cc: The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr., Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Health

Attachment

Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Joseph R. Pitts

1. In your written testimony, you observe that care is much less expensive to deliver in home-based rather than institutional settings. In Long-Term Care, we worry that a shift to home-based care ends up being more expensive due to more claimants coming out of the woodwork. Is this also the case for Post-Acute Care?
2. In your written testimony, you suggest that BACPAC would facilitate care coordination among disparate sources of Post-Acute Care. Some have suggested that bundled payments are appealing in theory, but don't work in the real world. What has been your experience?
3. In your written testimony, you suggest that BACPAC would facilitate technological innovation in the delivery of care. How does the current payment structure for Post-Acute Care pose a barrier to the development of telemedicine and other innovative ways of getting care to patients?
4. Medicare is currently facing insolvency, which would jeopardize care for millions of seniors that depend on the program. What policies or payment reforms would you recommend Congress consider to help keep the promise to seniors by saving Medicare from insolvency?
5. What do you think about the possible savings to beneficiaries if Congress were to combine the A/B cost-sharing and adopt a catastrophic cap? This reform has been recommended by MedPAC, former Sen. Lieberman, and the President's Fiscal Commission.