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Dear Dr. Burke:

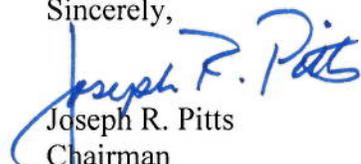
Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Health on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "Examining ICD-10 Implementation."

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 Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Your responses should be mailed to Adrianna Simonelli, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to Adrianna.Simonelli@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 Gene Green, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Health

Attachment

Attachment —Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Ben Ray Lujan

1. Thank you for holding this hearing and thank you to the panel for your testimony. I was shocked to learn that we will be the last industrialized nation to adopt ICD-10. That's stunning. The United States should not be lagging behind the rest of the world and delays have cost money and resources. In addition, ICD-10 implementation will improve billing accuracy and health care quality, and combat fraud and abuse. In my district in Northern New Mexico, we have a lot of providers that work in rural settings. Dr. Burke, thank you for sharing your experience as a provider in a small rural community. I'd like to hear your perspective on what the shift to ICD-10 means for rural providers.
 - a. How do you think that rural providers will be impacted by the transition to ICD-10?
 - b. I was glad to hear that you have been preparing for several years for the adoption of ICD-10. What steps can other rural providers take to prepare for the transition?
 - c. You mentioned that you took part in a pilot program. Can you speak to the parts of that program that made your transition to ICD-10 a success? Do you think it would be beneficial for other providers to have access to the same program/training?
 - d. In your testimony you referenced several challenges that rural providers face. Do you have any suggestions for how this committee can ensure that rural provider continue to serve our communities?