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The Honorable Brett Guthrie  
Vice Chairman  
Subcommittee on Health  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Guthrie:

As one of the country's largest providers of Medicaid funded home and community based services, ResCare commends and supports your efforts to mandate electronic visit verification (EVV) systems. EVV systems strengthen the integrity of Medicaid funded programs and improve the efficiency of providers such as ResCare.

Based on program integrity, and efficiency, ResCare implemented EVV systems in our operations across the country beginning in 2001. We have spent precious time and resources to develop fully integrated systems that allow for technology upgrades. Technology in the EVV world is evolving rapidly.

It is vitally important that responsible providers who have already voluntarily adopted, developed and implemented EVV systems not be penalized by a directive from States for a one-size fits all, prescriptive plan. There should not be a mandated requirement by the States to use EVV systems provided solely by 3<sup>rd</sup> party EVV providers who have contracted directly with respective States. Providers who can demonstrate that an existing in-house EVV system meets enumerated essential criteria should be allowed to continue use of that system in each respective state in which they operate. ResCare, for example, provides services in more than 40 states, and it would be burdensome, highly inefficient and counter productive to the limited funding in Medicaid to require a multi-state provider to comply with EVV systems unique to each state together with a multitude of 3<sup>rd</sup> party EVV providers mandated by each state.

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For the record, let me say again, we SUPPORT the use of EVV.

We believe the revised draft language presented in today's hearing is a significant improvement over H.R. 2446 as originally introduced, and look forward to working with you and the committee to offer our suggestions for additional minor, but significant improvements.

ResCare congratulates you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink, consisting of a single, fluid, sweeping line that forms the name "Ralph Gronefeld".

Ralph Gronefeld  
President and CEO

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