

July 26, 2017

The Honorable Michael Burgess
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington DC 20515

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Dear Chairman Burgess and Ranking Member Green:

As Interim President and CEO of Molina Healthcare, Inc., I am writing to thank you for holding a hearing to examine legislation to reauthorize Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans (SNPs) and improve the quality of care for vulnerable seniors and individuals living in poverty or with a chronic illness.

Molina Healthcare (“Molina”) has been serving the poor and underserved who are insured through government-sponsored healthcare programs for close to four decades, engaging in Medicaid markets in 30 states and Puerto Rico. Molina Healthcare serves more dually eligible individuals in our Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) than any other insurer in the country. We have been serving the neediest members of the Medicare Advantage program through our Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) for close to a decade with current membership at approximately 43,000 beneficiaries. Today, we are one of the ten largest health insurers in the country, serving more than 4.5 million low-income members in 12 states and Puerto Rico.

We strongly support efforts to reauthorize SNPs. D-SNPs have proven to more effectively serve individuals who will have the most significant cost implications and challenges impacting Medicare and Medicaid over the next few years. With years of experience serving these vulnerable members, we have seen the positive outcomes of the SNP program firsthand. Delivering health care through SNPs has led to better management of chronic conditions, lower admission and readmission rates, and cost efficiencies that the federal government and states desperately need.

As the Committee process moves forward, we appreciate the bipartisan support for the program and request that you support permanent reauthorization for all types of SNPs, particularly D-SNPs. The constant uncertainty of reauthorization creates many issues for health plans and their state partners as they have to allocate time and resources to the program without the security of knowing how long the program may continue. Giving SNPs permanency will allow for the continuation and growth of this successful integration platform.

Molina supports the integration of Medicare and Medicaid benefits for the most vulnerable beneficiaries either through MMPs or D-SNPs. In order for integration in D-SNPs to be successful, it is imperative that consideration be given to additional opportunities to support states and plans efforts to move forward with desired integration that recognizes the uniqueness of each state’s health care system and dually eligible population.

Again, thank you for your interest in reauthorizing SNPs. We look forward to continuing our work with you on issues related to the Medicare Advantage program and its impact on the most vulnerable beneficiaries.

Sincerely,



Joseph White
Interim President and CEO