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President and CEO

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The Honorable Brett Guthrie  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2434 Rayburn Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Debbie Dingell  
U.S. House of Representatives  
116 Cannon Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Guthrie and Dingell:

On behalf of America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), I am writing to express our support for your bipartisan legislation, the "EMPOWER Care Act" (H.R. 5306), which proposes a five-year extension of the Money Follows the Person (MFP) demonstration. We appreciate that the House Energy and Commerce Committee will consider this bill in its September 7 markup.

The MFP demonstration plays an important role in supporting Medicaid enrollees who want to seamlessly transition from nursing facilities and other institutional settings back to community-based settings. This demonstration also assists states in developing a strong infrastructure that promotes and enhances access to home and community-based services.

To date, this demonstration has enabled more than 75,000 individuals in 47 states to successfully transition back to the community, with survey data showing significant and lasting improvements in their quality of life and integration into the community. Moreover, the demonstration has generated savings in the Medicaid and Medicare programs. An analysis by Mathematica Policy Research found that monthly Medicaid-Medicare expenditures were reduced by the following amounts for MFP participants: \$1,820 (23 percent) for adults age 65 and older; \$1,783 (23 percent) for younger adults with physical disabilities; and \$4,013 (30 percent) for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

In light of this success, it is critically important for Congress to approve a long-term extension of the MFP demonstration. Taking this important step, as your bill proposes, will help states achieve greater cost-efficiencies in their Medicaid programs while at the same time enhancing opportunities for individuals to live independently and age with dignity in their homes and communities.

Thank you again for your leadership on this important issue. We look forward to working with you to build support for your legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Eyles". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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