

October 31, 2017

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Minority Leader Pelosi:

The undersigned organizations are writing to you to express our support for S. 870, the "Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic (CHRONIC) Care Act." We were proud to have been part of the Senate Finance Committee Chronic Care Working Group's efforts to develop this legislation, and we look forward to working with the House of Representatives to advance the bill.

S. 870 represents an important step forward in ensuring that the two-thirds of Medicare beneficiaries who have multiple chronic conditions are able to receive the quality care they need to live a healthy life. Currently, the treatment of chronic illness accounts for almost 93 percent of Medicare spending. The CHRONIC Care Act would lower costs by improving disease management, streamlining care coordination services, and expanding access to innovative models of care. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) found that the bill would reduce direct spending for Medicare and Medicaid by \$217 million from 2018-2022.

S. 870 passed the Senate under a unanimous consent agreement. Additionally, the House Energy and Commerce Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee have passed parts of the legislation as separate bills. We urge the full House to quickly consider and pass the provisions of the CHRONIC Care Act so that beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions can get the care that they need to manage their health.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,
Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
Aces Health
Adventist Health System
Aetna
Alliance for Aging Research
Alliance for Home Dialysis
Allscripts
Almost Family, Inc.
Alzheimer's Association
Alzheimer's Foundation of America
Alzheimer's Impact Movement
American Academy of Family Physicians

American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Neurology
American College of Physicians
American Gastroenterological Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Kidney Fund
American Nurses Association
American Society of Nephrology
American Telemedicine Association
America's Health Insurance Plans
Anthem
Area Agency on Aging Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc.
Ascension
Association for Behavioral Health and Wellness
Association for Community Affiliated Plans
Better Medicare Alliance
BioReference Laboratories
Blue Cross Blue Shield Association
Cardinal Health
Change Healthcare
Cleveland Clinic
Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC)
Commonwealth Care Alliance
Community Catalyst
Connected Health Initiative
Dialysis Patient Citizens
Direct Primary Care Coalition
Dogtown Media
ElevatingHOME
Endocrine Society
Gross Electric
Gundersen Health System
Hahnemann University Hospital
Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS)
Healthcare Leadership Council
Healthcare Nutrition Council
Leidos
LifeWire
Marshfield Clinic Health System
Maxim Healthcare Services
Mayo Clinic
Meals on Wheels America
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association for the Support of Long Term Care
National Black Nurses Association
National Coalition on Health Care

National Committee for Quality Assurance
National Consumers League
National Hispanic Medical Association
National Kidney Foundation
National Partnership for Hospice Innovation
National Renal Administrators Association
New Jersey State Nurses Association
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital
Novartis
Oncology Nursing Society
Pacific Business Group on Health
Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative
Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease
Partners in Care Foundation
Personal Connected Health Alliance
Public Sector HealthCare Roundtable
Renal Physicians Association
SCAN Health Plan
Startup Health
Teachers' Retirement System of Kentucky
Texas Health Resources
Tivity Health
UnityPoint Health
Vizient, Inc.

cc: All Members of the House of Representatives
cc: House Energy and Commerce Committee
cc: House Ways and Means Committee