



January 27, 2020

The Honorable Daniel Webster  
1210 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Colin Peterson  
2204 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressmen Webster and Peterson,

The undersigned organizations support the *Physician Pro Bono Care Act*, H.R. 856. This important legislation allows physicians, dentists, and other healthcare providers to take a charitable tax deduction for providing pro-bono healthcare to Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) eligible patients. By moving low-income patients from emergency rooms to offices and clinics, this legislation could save billions in government healthcare costs.

Under current law, healthcare providers can only receive a charitable deduction by volunteering their time through a 501(c)3 organization, oftentimes outside of their own communities. By providing physicians with a charitable deduction for treating Medicaid and CHIP eligible patients in their communities, this legislation will provide low-income families and individuals greater access to healthcare. Additionally, this concept will reduce the administratively burdensome and costly reimbursement processes of both Medicaid and CHIP. In sum, this legislation creates an opportunity for doctors to help respond to a critical need for healthcare services in their communities by offering the incentive of a simple tax deduction rather than burdensome reimbursement paperwork for Medicaid and CHIP programs.

Medicaid spending has increased dramatically, putting a strain on both state and federal budgets. H.R. 856 provides an opportunity to lower state and federal governments spending, with doctors helping to reduce the number of Medicaid and CHIP payouts. This simple tax deduction is self-executing in the normal tax filing processes of the physicians further decreasing administrative costs created by government subsidized healthcare. Importantly, this legislation does not prevent physicians or qualifying individuals from using Medicaid or CHIP, it simply adds an additional option for low-income patients to receive localized healthcare services. With over 70 million Medicaid and CHIP eligible individuals, this legislation provides a genuine opportunity to save billions of dollars in Medicaid and CHIP expenditures over the next decade while keeping more low-income patients out of emergency rooms.

If enacted, the *Physician Pro Bono Care Act* would help millions of Medicaid and CHIP eligible individuals and families receive quality healthcare from physicians of their choice as opposed to institutionalized services while saving the government billions of dollars.

Signed,



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