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Dear Senators Marshall and Bennet and Representatives Murphy, Panetta, Joyce, Schrier, Onder, and Ruiz:

The undersigned physician organizations representing national medical specialty societies and state medical associations write to express our support for (H.R. 4710/S. 2420), the “No Surprises Act Enforcement Act,” and to urge prompt action on this important legislation.

Our organizations remain fully committed to the core purpose of the No Surprises Act: protecting patients from surprise medical bills while ensuring physicians and other health care providers receive fair and timely payment for the medical services they provide. We remain deeply invested in this law’s successful implementation and in achieving the balanced framework Congress intended.

Stakeholders continue to raise concerns about implementation challenges related to the Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR) process, and we are committed to working with regulators to increase transparency, strengthen enforcement, and enhance guidance to improve the process. For example, to address concerns about ineligible claims entering IDR, we have supported proposals to clearly identify eligibility in initial remittance advice to physicians and in initial payment offers. To reduce reliance on the IDR process and the volume of disputes, we have advocated for the formalization of, and mandatory participation in the open negotiations process. We also continue to urge greater data transparency and targeted audits so regulators can issue clearer guidance to address persistent enforcement issues.

However, process improvement efforts are rendered meaningless if IDR decisions are simply ignored by the losing parties, as incentives for disputing parties to meaningfully engage are lost. Unfortunately, physicians continue to report that health plans are failing to make payments within the statutory 30-day

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timeframe following an IDR determination in the physician's favor. In some cases, physicians report receiving no payment at all despite the law's clear requirement that such determinations "shall be binding upon the parties involved." This means that physician practices are forced to absorb unpaid costs, finance delays, and shoulder uncertainty while insurers retain funds they are legally obligated to pay.

We are therefore grateful for your targeted legislation to address this enforcement gap. Specifically, the No Surprises Act Enforcement Act would authorize penalties on any party that does not adhere to statutory timelines for payment after an IDR entity has made a final and binding determination. By granting the Administration clear authority to enforce IDR decisions, the No Surprises Act Enforcement Act would restore the balance achieved by the statute and ensure accountability.

The success of the No Surprises Act depends on all parties participating in good faith and complying with the dispute resolution process. We appreciate your leadership in recognizing that meaningful enforcement authority is essential to implementing the law in the balanced way Congress intended, and we look forward to working with you to secure enactment of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

American Medical Association
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
American Academy of Emergency Medicine
American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Ophthalmology
American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy
American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery
American Academy of Pain Medicine
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Academy of Sleep Medicine
American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons
American College of Cardiology
American College of Emergency Physicians
American College of Lifestyle Medicine
American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics
American College of Radiology
American Epilepsy Society
American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society
American Psychiatric Association
American Society for Clinical Pathology

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American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
American Society for Laser Medicine & Surgery, Inc.
American Society for Surgery of the Hand Professional Organization
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Nephrology
American Society of Neuroradiology
American Society of Plastic Surgeons
American Urogynecologic Society
American Urological Association
American Venous Forum
College of American Pathologists
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Korean American Medical Association
Medical Group Management Association
National Medical Association
North American Neuromodulation Society
North American Spine Society
Outpatient Endovascular and Interventional Society
Renal Physicians Association
Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance
Society for Vascular Surgery
Society of Critical Care Medicine

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Medical Association of the State of Alabama
Arizona Medical Association
Arkansas Medical Society
California Medical Association
Colorado Medical Society
Connecticut State Medical Society
Medical Society of Delaware
Medical Society of the District of Columbia
Florida Medical Association
Medical Association of Georgia
Hawaii Medical Association
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Illinois State Medical Society
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Oklahoma State Medical Association
Oregon Medical Association
Pennsylvania Medical Society
Rhode Island Medical Society
South Carolina Medical Association
South Dakota State Medical Association
Tennessee Medical Association
Texas Medical Association
Utah Medical Association
Vermont Medical Society
Medical Society of Virginia
Washington State Medical Association
West Virginia State Medical Association
Wisconsin Medical Society
Wyoming Medical Society