



Sept. 6, 2018

The Honorable Kevin Brady, Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Peter J. Roskam, Chairman
Subcommittee on Health
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1102 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairmen Brady and Roskam:

On behalf of the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA), I want to thank you for your recent letter to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, which draws on the extensive outreach undertaken as part of the Committee's "Medicare Red Tape Relief Initiative." MGMA supports the Committee's aim to reduce the regulatory burdens on Medicare providers that impede innovation, drive up costs, and stand in the way of delivering better care for Medicare beneficiaries.

MGMA is the premier association for professionals who lead medical practices. Since 1926, through data, advocacy and education, MGMA empowers medical group practices to create meaningful change in healthcare. With a membership of more than 40,000 medical practice administrators, executives, and leaders, MGMA represents more than 12,500 organizations of all sizes, types, structures, and specialties that deliver almost half of the healthcare in the United States.

We are pleased to have worked with you and your colleagues to identify one-size-fits-all regulations that need to be retooled to create a new era of innovative, high-quality, and efficient care delivery. In particular, we appreciate the following recommendations the Committee made to CMS:

- Address concerns about prior authorization impeding patient care;
- Streamline reporting for purposes of the Merit-based Incentive Payment System and appropriate use criteria compliance;
- Take a more deliberate approach to reducing documentation burden associated with evaluation and management coding; and
- Ensure stability in the Medicare Shared Savings Program and other models involving financial risk for medical groups.

Again, we thank you for your focus on this critical issue and stand ready to continue participating in the Committee's efforts to spotlight opportunities for regulatory relief. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 202-293-3450 or agilberg@mgma.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anders Gilberg".

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