

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Chiquita Brooks-LaSure
Administrator
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244

Dear Administrator Brooks-LaSure,

We are writing to encourage the issuance by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of a proposed rule on transitional coverage for emerging technologies (TCET) by the end of 2022. After the repeal of the Medicare Coverage for Innovative Technology rule last year, CMS expressed its support for a flexible coverage pathway that improves access to innovative devices. We appreciate the agency's work on this issue, including the recently released principles, and urge it to issue a proposed rule this year.

Medicare patients should have access to innovative and demonstrably beneficial technologies, which can improve the quality of care for Americans facing disabilities, injuries, chronic conditions, and life-threatening diseases. We believe CMS can ensure patient safety while moving forward with a timely pathway for coverage for emerging technologies. We therefore urge CMS to propose a new pathway to coverage for these technologies that balances access with patient protections

CMS has the opportunity to continue its work guaranteeing access to innovative treatments and technologies for Medicare beneficiaries. We encourage you to move quickly to help improve the lives of patients who stand to gain from these technologies by issuing the TCET proposed rule by the end of the year.

Sincerely,



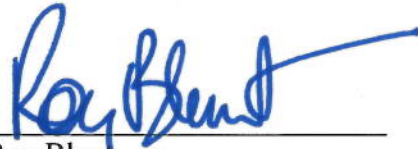
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