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The Honorable Steve Daines
United States Senate
320 Hart Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Angus King
United States Senate
133 Hart Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Daines and King:

On behalf of America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), I am writing to express support for your bipartisan legislation, the "Medicare Advantage Quality Payment Relief Act."

Our members appreciate your leadership in proposing to remove a payment cap that currently prohibits some Medicare Advantage plans from receiving the full bonus payments they have earned under the program's Star Ratings System. Millions of beneficiaries are enrolled in high quality Medicare Advantage plans that are unfairly penalized by this cap. This policy treats beneficiaries inequitably and is inconsistent with the broader goals of rewarding high quality performance and incentivizing continuous improvement in the care delivered to Medicare beneficiaries.

Medicare Advantage plans have a long track record in implementing programs that integrate and coordinate care, and effectively help patients prevent, detect, and manage chronic conditions. Your bill, by removing the benchmark cap, would help preserve the innovative programs and strategies through which Medicare Advantage plans are working to provide value to more than 20 million seniors and individuals with disabilities who rely on this coverage to meet their health care needs.

Thank you for introducing your bipartisan bill. We look forward to working with you to build support for legislative action on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Eyles". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matthew D. Eyles
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