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August XX, 2018

Re: Please Sign On to Bipartisan House Letter to CMS Administrator Seema Verma Regarding Use of Prior Authorization in Medicare Advantage Plans

Dear Representative:

The undersigned members of the Coalition to Preserve Rehabilitation (CPR) write to express our strong support for a bipartisan Congressional sign-on letter from Representatives Phil Roe (R-TN-1) and Ami Bera (D-CA-7) to CMS Administrator Seema Verma regarding the use of prior authorization in Medicare Advantage (MA) plans.

Representatives Roe and Bera's letter (attached, and available [here](#)) calls for CMS to work to reduce barriers to patient care by improving how prior authorization works under Medicare Advantage. The letter expresses concerns that CPR members share. In April 2018, CPR sent a letter (attached) to Administrator Verma expressing concerns that prior authorization and other similar practices used by MA plans may be sources of increasing barriers to accessing needed care, particularly inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services and devices, for beneficiaries nationwide.

CPR is a coalition of national consumer, clinician, and membership organizations that advocate for policies to ensure access to rehabilitative care so that individuals with injuries, illnesses, disabilities and chronic conditions may regain and/or maintain their maximum level of health and independent function. CPR is comprised of organizations that represent beneficiaries who are frequently inappropriately denied access to rehabilitative care in a variety of settings, as well as the providers who serve them.

We encourage you to join Reps. Roe and Bera in their letter to Administrator Verma. To sign on to the letter, please contact Aaron Bill in Rep. Roe's office (aaron.bill@mail.house.gov) or Erin O'Quinn in Rep. Bera's office (erin.oquinn@mail.house.gov) by September 7, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact the CPR coordinators, Peter Thomas, at Peter.Thomas@powerslaw.com or Leif Brierley, at Leif.Brierley@powerslaw.com, or call 202-466-6550.

Sincerely,

The Undersigned Members of the Coalition to Preserve Rehabilitation