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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  
Idaho Medical Association  
Illinois State Medical Society  
Indiana State Medical Association  
Iowa Medical Society

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Minnesota Medical Association  
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New Hampshire Medical Society  
Medical Society of New Jersey  
New Mexico Medical Society  
Medical Society of the State of New York  
North Carolina Medical Society  
North Dakota Medical Association  
Ohio State Medical Association  
Oklahoma State Medical Association  
Oregon Medical Association  
Pennsylvania Medical Society  
Rhode Island Medical Society  
South Carolina Medical Association  
South Dakota State Medical Association  
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