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Statement on H.R. 4062: Protecting Seniors Access to Proper Care Act

Chairman Tiberi, Ranking Member McDermott, Thank you for holding this hearing today. I am pleased to provide the following statement on my bills to improve and sustain the Medicare Program.

Mr. Chairman, I'd like to talk for a moment about the Protecting Seniors Access to Proper Care Act, H.R. 4062. I introduced this bill with my friend Mr. Blumenauer, and our colleagues Mr. Thompson, Mr. Nunes, and Ms. Black. This bill now has over 40 cosponsors, and 17 bipartisan Ways and Means cosponsors.

Mr. Chairman, existing law requires physicians and other healthcare professionals to be enrolled in the Medicare program to order or refer items or services for Medicare beneficiaries. Guidance by CMS has further clarified that all healthcare providers who prescribe to a Part D beneficiary must be enrolled in the Medicare program in order for the *pharmacist* to be reimbursed for the prescription. These two enrollment requirements apply to all physicians and prescribers—even those professionals whose services are not typically included in the Medicare program.

H.R. 4062 ensures that non-Medicare physicians won't find themselves subject to duplicative and unnecessary compliance costs and burdens while protecting seniors' access to prescribed medications.

Mr. Chairman, advancing this bill will signal Congress' commitment to improving patient outcomes, reducing fraud and abuse within the Medicare program, and eliminating unnecessary requirements for providers. Again, thank you for holding this hearing today and I look forward to continue working with you and your subcommittee to advance this policy.

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