



February 27, 2020

The Honorable Fred Keller
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Rep. Keller:

I am writing on behalf of the Safety-Net Association of Pennsylvania, a coalition of private safety-net hospitals that provide 63 percent of the Medicaid inpatient care in the commonwealth, to ask you to sign onto a letter from Pennsylvania's congressional delegation to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Seema Verma about the Medicaid fiscal accountability regulation that CMS proposed in November.

The proposed Medicaid fiscal accountability regulation (MFAR) would, if implemented, impose new limits on how states may raise their share of funds to support their Medicaid programs. If adopted, the commonwealth would face a serious challenge raising the money it needs to finance its share of the cost of its Medicaid program. In addition, MFAR would take a great deal of states' Medicaid policy-making authority away from state governments and give it instead to the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

While the proposed regulation addresses other aspects of Medicaid as well, including some worthwhile measures to increase the program's transparency, the Safety-Net Association of Pennsylvania believes that on the whole the regulation would do far more harm than good to Pennsylvania and to Pennsylvanians and has urged CMS to withdraw it. We shared our perspective about MFAR in a detailed formal comment letter to CMS, which you can find [here](#).

Two of your colleagues, Representatives Brendan Boyle and Mike Kelly, have prepared a bipartisan letter to CMS Administrator Seema Verma asking her to reconsider the troubling aspects of MFAR and the Safety-Net Association of Pennsylvania urges you to sign onto this letter. To do so, please contact Ted Steinberg in Representative Boyle's office (Ted.Steinberg@mail.house.gov) or Kevin Dawson in Representative Kelly's office (Kevin.Dawson@mail.house.gov).

The Safety-Net Association of Pennsylvania appreciates your consideration of our request and welcomes any questions you may have about MFAR, our objections to it, or our organization itself.

Sincerely,

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