



January 25, 2018

The Honorable Peter Welch
U.S. House of Representatives
2303 Rayburn House Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Diane Black
U.S. House of Representatives
1131 Longworth House Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Welch and Black,

The undersigned leading healthcare organizations applaud the introduction of H.R. 4580, "The ACO Improvement Act of 2017". This legislation provides sensible modifications to the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) program, including operational changes that will benefit Medicare beneficiaries by promoting coordinated health care and allow Medicare ACOs to succeed and remain a viable business model. Given our knowledge and experience from representing ACOs, physicians and medical groups, and the continued movement to value-based payment, this legislation is both exceptionally needed and timely.

Passage of this bill would strengthen ACOs in the Medicare Shared Savings Program and give physicians and clinicians more tools to provide better-coordinated care, resulting in improved quality standards and generating savings for the Medicare Trust Fund.

Respectfully,

The National Association of ACOs
AMGA
Medical Group Management Association
Premier healthcare alliance