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Andy Slavitt, Acting Administrator
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
200 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Administrator Slavitt,

On behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), which represents 120,900 family physicians and medical students across the country, I write to request that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) collaborate with Medicare Advantage (MA) plans in educating beneficiaries, providers, and other interested parties on MA plan benefits and coverage through the CMS Advisory Panel on Outreach and Education (APOE).

The number and share of Medicare beneficiaries enrolling in MA plans has continued to climb in virtually every state. With more enrollees choosing and shifting to MA plans, there is an additional obligation on CMS to ensure they are assisted with plan selection and enrollment and understand their health care coverage under different Medicare Advantage plans. Furthermore, additional education on benefits and coverage under MA will support APOE's and CMS' overarching goal of improved access to quality care. AAFP is very concerned that Medicare beneficiaries understand their MA plan choices and carefully select the plan that fits their needs so they can make informed decisions.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you or your staff have any questions about this matter or if we may further facilitate matters in this regard, please contact Robert Bennett, Federal Regulatory Manager, at 202-232-9033 or rbennett@aafp.org.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Wergin, MD, FAFPP
Board Chair

cc: Miriam Mobley-Smith c/o Abigail Huffman
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