



September 16, 2020

The Honorable Tim Scott
United States Senate
104 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ben Cardin
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Scott and Senator Cardin:

On behalf of the Medicare Advocacy Recovery Coalition (MARC), we are writing to thank you both for your continued leadership in advocating for the Provide Accurate Information Directly (PAID) Act (S.1989) and to communicate our strong support for this important legislation. As you know, the current law continues to create an inefficient system for all parties trying to navigate the Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) statute which involves Medicare Advantage and Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit claims. The passage and enactment of the bipartisan PAID Act is needed to correct this inefficient process and ensure that every stakeholder is given the accurate information needed to resolve claims quickly and save taxpayers millions of dollars in the process.

Furthermore, in incidents ranging from auto accidents to workplace injuries MSP policy dictates that the federal programs will not pay for health care expenses when another party is liable, and there is a clear process in place to manage Medicare fee for service claims. When it comes to Medicare Advantage or Part D, however, Medicare beneficiaries and those settling claims with them are left in the dark about how to repay amounts that may be owed to Plans. The liable party is not sure of which Plan the beneficiary is enrolled, beneficiaries are unable to reach a settlement because the liable party cannot close the matter, and taxpayers are stuck with a wasteful process.

The PAID Act resolves these issues in a commonsense way. The bill simply requires the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to share relevant information promptly with the settling party, accelerating the settlement process. By putting this requirement in statute, all stakeholders will benefit from the enhanced clarity and transparency of the MSP claims resolution process, while the federal government will enjoy lower costs through the improved coordination between the various parties. In short, your legislative change will create a more judicious, established, and speedy process – with tangible benefits for everyone involved.

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The organizations below thank you for your continued work on this issue and for your sponsorship and support for the PAID Act (S.1989). We look forward to working with you to encourage your colleagues to cosponsor the bill and ensure its passage in both chambers of Congress in the coming months.

Sincerely,

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Mary Re Knack
MARC Chair, *on behalf of*



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