



March 25, 2015

The Honorable John A. Boehner  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Support of H.R. 2—the *Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015***

Dear Speaker Boehner and Minority Leader Pelosi:

As members of the Healthcare Quality Coalition (HQC), we are writing to express support for H.R. 2, the *Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015*. This bill permanently repeals the flawed Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula in Medicare physician payments and creates incentives for providers and systems to be rewarded for high quality, efficient care.

We believe value-based payment policies can drive better quality, improve efficiency, and reduce overall costs for the Medicare program. The core policy of H.R. 2 includes a number of provisions aimed at driving value in a predominantly volume-based system. We cannot wait further to reform a Medicare physician payment system that currently rewards volume, with tools and initiatives to reward quality and efficiency. These important policy provisions as part of H.R. 2 are the product of extensive input and consensus-building resulting in strong bi-partisan, bi-cameral support.

As members of the HQC, we support H.R. 2 and commend you for your leadership in designing and advancing legislation to permanently repeal the flawed SGR and replace with physician payment initiatives to reward value.

Sincerely,

The Healthcare Quality Coalition

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