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The Honorable Brett Guthrie
Chairman
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Guthrie and Ranking Member Pallone:

On behalf of the Catholic Health Association of the United States (CHA)—the national leadership organization representing more than 2,200 Catholic health care systems, hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics, and service providers—I am writing regarding several health care measures scheduled for consideration by the Committee.

CHA appreciates the Committee's continued focus on improving access to care and reducing administrative barriers in Medicare. The *Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act* (H.R. 3514) represents longstanding bipartisan efforts that would improve health care delivery. However, we hope the Committee will revisit the hospital and provider provisions in H.R. 9393, the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act of 2026* and H.R. 9390, the *Prices on the Wall Act of 2026*.

CHA represents the Catholic health ministry, the largest group of not-for-profit health care providers in the nation. Last year, Catholic hospitals provided care to 1 in 7 patients, employed 750,000 people, and had more than 5 million admissions, including one million Medicaid admissions. The *Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act* would streamline and modernize prior authorization processes in Medicare Advantage, helping reduce unnecessary delays in care and lessen administrative burdens on clinicians and providers.

At the same time, we have concerns with H.R. 9393, the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act of 2026* and H.R. 9390, the *Prices on the Wall Act of 2026*. We look forward to working with the Committee to address these concerns and strengthen these bills. Catholic hospitals and health systems support transparency efforts that help patients understand their health care costs and make informed decisions. However, many hospitals are already subject to extensive federal price transparency requirements, and these legislative proposals would impose significant new statutory mandates, reporting obligations, and compliance requirements on hospitals and other providers. We are concerned that these requirements would increase administrative costs and divert resources away from patient care without necessarily improving the usefulness of pricing information for patients and families.

In particular, we urge the Committee to ensure that any new transparency requirements are aligned with existing federal rules, avoid duplication, recognize the complexity of health care pricing, and provide sufficient flexibility for hospitals serving diverse communities and patient populations. As longstanding leaders in community benefit, Catholic health care supports

practical, patient-centered transparency policies that help individuals understand their expected financial responsibility before receiving care. However, requiring hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers and health care organizations to post discounted cash prices on facility walls is unlikely to advance that goal because the posted amounts often bear little resemblance to what insured patients ultimately owe and do not reflect available financial assistance, charity care, or other patient-health factors. As a result, the proposal may add administrative burden while providing limited value to the patients and families it is intended to help. Federal transparency policies should focus on providing meaningful, accurate, and actionable information to patients while minimizing unnecessary administrative burden on hospitals and providers.

We thank you for your leadership on behalf of the communities we are privileged to serve. We appreciate the Committee's willingness to consider bipartisan solutions that improve access to care and strengthen the health care system. We look forward to continuing to work with you on H.R. 3514 and to collaborating with you to address the concerns raised by H.R. 9393 and H.R. 9390.

Sincerely,



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