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The Honorable Rob Bresnahan
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Debbie Dingell
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Bresnahan and Dingell:

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, thank you for introducing legislation to delay the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) 340B Rebate Model Pilot Program by two years. CHA supports this bill, which would postpone the pilot now scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2027.

The Catholic health ministry is the largest group of not-for-profit health care providers in the nation. Last year, Catholic hospitals cared for 1 in 7 patients, employed 750,000 people, and recorded more than 5 million admissions, including one million Medicaid admissions. For more than three decades, the 340B Drug Pricing Program has allowed Catholic and other safety-net hospitals to stretch scarce federal resources, reach more eligible patients, and provide more comprehensive services, often in rural and medically underserved communities where other sources of care are limited.

The rebate pilot would put that work at risk. By denying hospitals immediate access to the discounts they are entitled to under the law and requiring hospitals to wait to be reimbursed through delayed rebates, the pilot would impose significant new administrative burdens and tie up precious resources that should be devoted to patient care. These costs would fall hardest on not-for-profit and rural hospitals already operating on thin margins while facing growing Medicaid shortfalls and rising numbers of uninsured patients.

CHA is committed to working with Congress to strengthen transparency and integrity in the 340B program while preserving its core purpose of supporting the nation's safety net. Thank you for your leadership on behalf of the communities we are privileged to serve. We look forward to working with you to advance this legislation.

Sincerely,


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