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The Honorable Seema Verma
Administrator
U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244

Dear Administrator Verma:

Since June, the Senate Aging Committee has received significant stakeholder feedback on the tools, resources, and implementation of evidence-based practices, and what they perceive as policy gaps in falls prevention. To better understand these policy gaps, we respectfully request that CMS provide us with an update on work related to falls.

Specifically, we would like your input on:

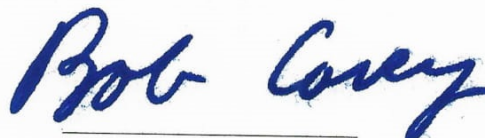
- To what extent are the Welcome to Medicare and Annual Wellness Visits successful in incorporating fall risk assessment, fracture prevention, and ways to ensure appropriate follow-up?
- To what extent are falls-related measures being incorporated into the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System and other payment models?
- What existing Medicaid waivers are available to states for falls prevention and fall-related services?
- To what extent are Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) demonstration programs or pilots incorporating falls prevention activities? Will CMMI consider future work in this area?

We look forward to receiving your written responses to these questions by September 26, 2019. If your staff have questions, they may contact [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] from Ranking Member Casey's Office

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
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