



Working Together for an Affordable Future

July 26, 2017

The Honorable Michael C. Burgess  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Debbie Dingell  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Peter Roskam  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Thompson  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Burgess, Representative Dingell, Representative Roskam, Representative Thompson:

On behalf of the National Coalition on Health Care, I write today to thank you for your leadership in supporting Independence at Home model and extend NCHC's support for HR 3623 which extends and strengthens the current Independence at Home Practice Demonstration.

We are a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization of organizations representing more than 80 participating organizations, including medical societies, businesses, unions, health care providers, faith-based associations, pension and health funds, insurers, and groups representing consumers, patients, women, minorities and persons with disabilities. The Coalition is committed to advancing - through research and analysis, education, outreach, and informed advocacy - an affordable, high-value health care system for patients and consumers, payers, employers, and taxpayers. This includes new and innovative efforts to improve patient experience, the quality of care and to lower costs.

HR 3623 improves the ability providers to serve patients by increasing the number of participating beneficiaries allowed from 10,000 to 15,000 and extends the program deadline for an additional two years after September 2017 deadline. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) identified \$35 million in savings that IAH practices produced during the first two performance years while providing high-quality care to patients in a home-based setting.

The IAH model is succeeding with some of Medicare's highest-cost, highest-need beneficiaries, and federal policy should be building on that success. The Coalition looks forward to continue working with you on this important and innovative program.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Rother".

John Rother  
President and CEO