



April 26, 2021

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader Schumer and Leader McConnell:

I write on behalf of the Alliance of Community Health Plans (ACHP) to share our support for the nomination of Chiquita Brooks-LaSure to serve as the Administrator for the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). ACHP values Ms. Brooks-LaSure's deep experience in federal insurance programs and her commitment to the expansion of affordable health care coverage. We encourage the Senate to confirm Ms. Brooks-LaSure's nomination without further delay as the health care industry, and the consumers it serves, anxiously await direction from CMS on time sensitive issues.

ACHP represents the nation's top-performing non-profit health plans improving affordability and outcomes in the health care system. ACHP member companies are community-based, provider-aligned health organizations providing high-quality coverage and care to more than 24 million Americans across 36 states and D.C.

Ms. Brooks-LaSure's experience implementing the Affordable Care Act and strengthening access to affordable coverage and care during her time as a senior official in CMS and HHS and her work on the House Ways and Means Committee make her clearly qualified and prepared for the CMS Administrator position. Her leadership in those roles showed the depth of her understanding and commitment to ensuring robust and equitable coverage options for all Americans.

Ms. Brooks-LaSure's confirmation is essential for the health care industry to begin operationalizing and implementing a number of key legislative provisions and regulations, including HIPAA modifications, surprise billing, price transparency, Marketplace operations and many others. As the nation continues to grapple with COVID-19 hot spots and vaccination rollout, it is vital that the Senate confirm Ms. Brooks-LaSure in a timely manner and allow her to assume responsibilities as Administrator of CMS as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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