



April 13, 2017

Senator Orrin Hatch  
Chairman  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate

The Honorable Johnny Isakson  
Senator  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate

The Honorable Mark Warner  
Senator  
Committee on Finance  
United States Senate

Dear Chairman Hatch, Ranking Member Wyden, Senator Isakson, and Senator Warner:

Thank you for your leadership of the Senate Finance Committee Chronic Care Working Group. The introduction of S. 870, the “Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic (CHRONIC) Care Act,” represents an important step forward in strengthening and improving health outcomes for Medicare beneficiaries with chronic conditions.

The Healthcare Leadership Council (HLC) is a coalition of chief executives from all disciplines within American healthcare. It is the exclusive forum for the nation’s healthcare leaders to jointly develop policies, plans, and programs to achieve their vision of a 21st century health system that makes affordable, high-quality care accessible to all Americans. Members of HLC—hospitals, academic health centers, health plans, pharmaceutical companies, medical device manufacturers, biotech firms, health product distributors, pharmacies, post-acute care providers, and information technology companies—advocate measures to improve the quality and efficiency of healthcare by emphasizing wellness and prevention, care coordination, and the use of evidence-based medicine.

Like the Working Group, HLC’s members share a strong commitment to improving care for Medicare beneficiaries with chronic conditions. Our members are at the forefront in implementing and developing policies designed to manage disease, streamline care coordination, and reduce Medicare costs. We strongly believe in the results of these programs.

HLC was pleased to have been part of the Working Group’s efforts, and we are happy to see many of our recommendations included in the CHRONIC Care Act. We are glad to support this legislation.

Thank you again for your work on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries with chronic conditions. HLC applauds your leadership on this important issue, and looks forward to continuing to work with you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Debbie Witchey at 202-449-3435.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mary R. Grealy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

Mary R. Grealy  
President