



American Medical Group Association®

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The Honorable Renee Ellmers  
1210 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ron Kind  
1502 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Ellmers and Kind:

I am writing today on behalf of the members of the American Medical Group Association (AMGA) to thank you for the reintroduction of the Flexibility in Health IT Reporting Act, which would modify the 2015 reporting period for the Medicare Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program to a 90-day period. AMGA represents 430 multi-specialty medical groups and other organized systems of care that employ nearly 160,000 physicians who treat approximately one in three patients in the United States. AMGA member medical groups have been early adopters of health information technology to help them deliver high-quality, coordinated care to their patients in a team-based and collaborative manner. As such, they have been eager to embrace the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs, but have found the timelines and program requirements very challenging to meet.

In comments written to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) last year on Stage 2 Flexibility in the EHR Incentive Programs for 2014, AMGA, along with other stakeholders, requested that the proposed year-long reporting period for 2015 be modified to a more workable 90-day period of time. The Flexibility in Health IT Reporting Act would go a long way toward easing the reporting burdens associated with the Medicare EHR Incentive Program this year. AMGA would like to express our wholehearted support for the reintroduction of this legislation, and greatly appreciates your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald W. Fisher".

Donald W. Fisher, Ph.D.  
President and CEO