

January 20, 2004

Mr. Joel White
Professional Staff Member
House Ways and Means Committee
Subcommittee on Health
1136 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. White:

On behalf of the American Medical Group Association (AMGA), I would like to extend to you an invitation to participate in AMGA's Policy Expert Roundtable that will be held during AMGA's Annual Conference, March 11 – 14, 2004, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, New Orleans, Louisiana. The Roundtable is scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 13, 2004, from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

AMGA is an association that represents medical groups, including some of the nation's largest, most prestigious integrated health care delivery systems with a total of approximately 60,000 physicians. AMGA's mission is to shape the health care environment by advancing high quality, cost-effective, patient-centered, and physician-directed health care. The members of AMGA deliver health care to more than 50 million patients in 40 states, including 15 million capitated lives. The average AMGA member group has 272 physicians and 13 satellite locations. Headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, AMGA is the strategic partner for medical groups providing a comprehensive package of benefits, including political advocacy, educational and networking programs and publications, benchmarking data services, and financial and operations assistance.

The Roundtable participants will discuss the recently passed Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act, its implementation by Federal and state agencies, its potential effect on group practices, and other issues that may arise, such as health care delivery reform. There will be a question and answer period to allow medical group leaders to interact with the Roundtable participants.

I am attaching a copy of AMGA's reimbursement policy that would apply to you as well as a copy AMGA's Annual Conference brochure. If you have any questions regarding our invitation, please feel free to contact me at (703) 838-0033 ex. 364.

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I sincerely hope you will be able to participate in our health policy roundtable and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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