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The Honorable Markwayne Mullin
United States Senate
330 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Mullin,

I want to thank you for introducing an amendment to S. 1339, *the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Reform Act*, which enables providers to have access to commercial claims data so they can provide better care to their patients. We believe that if enacted, the amendment will reinforce Congress's commitment to creating pathways to steer providers and delivery care systems toward value-based care.

Founded in 1950, AMGA is a trade association leading the transformation of healthcare in America. Representing multispecialty medical groups and integrated systems of care, we advocate, educate, innovate, and empower our members to deliver the next level of high-performance health. AMGA is the national voice promoting awareness of our members' recognized excellence in the delivery of coordinated, high-quality, high-value care. Over 177,000 physicians practice in our member organizations, delivering care to more than one in three Americans. Our members are also leaders in value-based care delivery, focusing on improving patient outcomes while driving down overall healthcare costs.

Healthcare provider access to claims data from all payers has been a longstanding priority for AMGA and its members. For the past five years, AMGA has conducted annual risk-readiness surveys of our membership to obtain a snapshot of the progress and challenges providers face during the value-based transformation of the U.S. healthcare system. In the surveys, AMGA members repeatedly expressed concern with the lack of access to timely commercial payer administrative claims data as the most significant barrier to assuming risk and transitioning to value-based care. Members report that while some payers share this data with providers, the majority do not. Successfully managing a patient population requires that providers have access to the data to ensure the most effective course of action in improving health outcomes. Without this data, it is challenging to manage the cost and quality of a population of patients, which is a goal of moving to value-based care.

This proposal ensures that providers and integrated delivery systems will have the tools they need to better care for patients. Our surveys have shown that providers and delivery systems are in a unique position to help steer patients through the nation's complex healthcare

landscape and reduce costs because they can use the data to improve the care and lives of patients.

Again, we thank you for your bold leadership on this critical issue. AMGA stands ready to help secure the enactment of this vital policy into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry Penso". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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