

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

March 1, 2024

Chiquita Brooks-LaSure
Administrator
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244

Dear Administrator Brooks-LaSure,

We are writing to urge the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to finalize its regulation on transitional coverage for emerging technologies (TCET) in the first quarter of 2024. After the repeal of the Medicare Coverage for Innovative Technology rule in 2021, CMS expressed its support for a flexible coverage pathway that improves access to innovative devices. We appreciate the initial steps taken in the agency's proposed June 2023 TCET guidance and urge the agency to issue a revised final policy in the coming weeks.

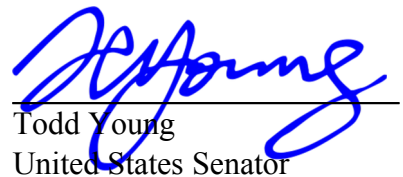
Medicare patients should have access to innovative and breakthrough technologies which can improve treatment options for Americans facing conditions such as life-threatening diseases, irreversible chronic diseases, and debilitating injuries. In releasing draft guidance for TCET last year, CMS has recognized the importance of timely device coverage for Medicare patients. However, CMS has not taken action to finalize a regulation establishing this pathway. We urge CMS to release a final regulation that establishes a coverage pathway for these technologies, taking into account the potential gaps in coverage identified in public comments provided to the agency between June and August 2023.

CMS has an obligation to complete its work ensuring access to innovative treatments and technologies for Medicare beneficiaries. We ask that you expedite this process to improve the lives of patients who stand to gain from these technologies by finalizing a revised TCET rule as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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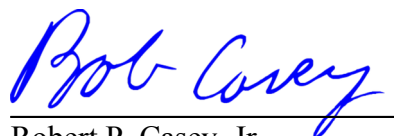
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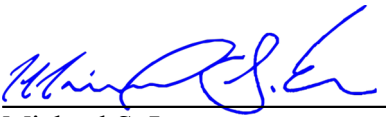
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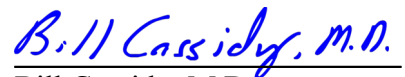
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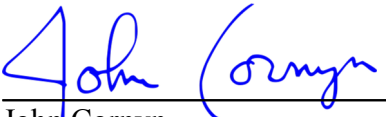
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