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Louisiana Congressional Delegation:

We are asking you to support Louisiana Medicare patients. Insist that the Biden administration immediately stop changes to a Part D Medicare Model and immediately implement the Rebate Rule.

According to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), more than 326,000 Louisiana Medicare beneficiaries are enrolled in stand-alone Medicare Part D plans, and nearly 360,000 have Part D coverage integrated with Medicare Advantage plans.¹

Six classes of drugs are included in Medicare Part D protections and are relied on by hundreds of thousands of Louisiana Medicare Part D patients. Referred to as the six protected classes, these six types of medications are: anticonvulsants (used to treat seizures), antidepressants (used to treat psychiatric illnesses), antineoplastics (used to treat cancer tumors), antipsychotics (severe mental disorders), antiretrovirals (used to treat HIV), and immunosuppressants (used to treat organ transplant recipients).

Just before Trump left office, significant changes were made to the Medicare Part D Payment Modernization Model through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMMI). The new model for Medicare Part D limits patient access to life-saving medications; harms patients fighting life-altering chronic illnesses; endangers patients' proper health care by limiting available avenues for treatment; creates obstacles for healthcare providers already working to treat unimaginably difficult patient illnesses; and does nothing to reduce out-of-pocket costs for patients. Changing the formulary to include only one medication option is not enough and we encourage the Biden administration to withdraw this harmful proposal.

¹ Norris, Louise. "Louisiana Health Insurance." Healthinsurance.Org, healthinsurance.org, 16 Dec. 2020, www.healthinsurance.org/louisiana.

As you work to address affordability, we urge you to also support the Rebate Rule to ensure access to a broad range of therapeutic options while ensuring out-of-pocket savings for patients. Discounts should go directly to the patient at the pharmacy counter, not in the middleman's pockets.

Louisiana Medicare patients are looking to you for support. Join us and urge the Biden administration to take action to ensure patients have access to a broad range of affordable therapeutic options.

Sincerely,

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Louisiana Hemophilia Foundation
Louisian Rural Mental Health Association
Multiple Sclerosis Foundation
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