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To the Honorable Members of the Texas Congressional House Delegation:

On behalf of the nearly 500 hospitals and health systems we collectively represent, thank you for signing the letter to Administrator Seema Verma about the harmful impact of the proposed Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Regulation. We especially appreciate Reps. Burgess, Veasey, Olson and Fletcher for co-leading this effort. Every member of the Texas Congressional House delegation supported the letter. Speaking with a unified, bi-partisan voice will undoubtedly elevate concerns shared by the hospital community.

Your ongoing engagement and oversight will be critical over the next several months to ensure changes being considered by CMS do not have harmful consequences to the state's economy, patients' access to care and the health care safety net. We believe states can work directly with CMS to address any concerns with supplemental payment arrangements and transparency, just as Texas has done for years in the past.

Please know we will continue to work collectively with stakeholders and state leadership to build awareness about the impact of the proposed rule. If CMS pursues alternative policies, we pledge to work with the delegation to assess their impact on hospitals and constituents. Thank you, again, for your careful attention and engagement on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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