

March 7, 2014

Gene Dodaro  
Comptroller General  
Government Accountability Office  
441 G Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20548

Dear Mr. Dodaro:

We are writing to nominate Marilyn Moon, Ph.D. to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC). Our organizations share a commitment to advancing the health and economic security of older adults and people with disabilities, and we are deeply committed to promoting the long-term sustainability of the Medicare program. Dr. Moon clearly possesses the expertise on health economics, health care financing and delivery systems required by members of MedPAC. More importantly, her varied and wide-ranging background in research, academia and policy allows her to critically analyze issues concerning Medicare payment and financing from multiple perspectives, including that of beneficiaries, health care providers, and government and private payers.

For more than two decades, Dr. Moon has been a preeminent scholar of Medicare and Medicaid policy. She currently serves as Institute Fellow and Director of the Center on Aging for the American Institutes for Research (AIR). Prior to joining AIR, Dr. Moon served as a senior fellow at the Urban Institute and as a public trustee for the Social Security and Medicare trust funds. Previously, she was an associate professor of economics at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, a senior analyst at the Congressional Budget Office, and the founding director of the Public Policy Institute of AARP.

Dr. Moon has dedicated her career to communicating her scholarship to a broad audience. She has written extensively on health policy and on social insurance issues, including her most recent book, *Medicare: A Policy Primer*, published in 2006. In addition, from 1993 to 2000, Dr. Moon wrote a column for the *Washington Post* on health reform and health coverage issues. In this sense, she has exemplified an ability to communicate about Medicare policy to a wide range of audiences, including consumers, and to consider issues regarding Medicare payment, financing and sustainability through multiples lenses. **As an acknowledgment of these accomplishments, Dr. Moon was recently announced as the 2014 recipient of the prestigious Robert M. Ball Award for Outstanding Achievements in Social Insurance, awarded by the National Academy for Social Insurance.**

At the same time, Dr. Moon has actively engaged with the provider community, particularly in her home state of Maryland. From 2008 – 2012, she served as the chair of the Maryland Health Care Commission. In this role, Dr. Moon was responsible for the state certificate of need for capital projects, producing information on quality and use of health services in the state, advising on legislative initiatives involving health care, and overseeing the small business health insurance program. While serving on the commission, she led the review of applications for construction of a new hospital in Montgomery County.

In conclusion, we strongly support the appointment of Dr. Moon and we urge you to consider her for membership on MedPAC. Please see the enclosed resume and biography for additional information.

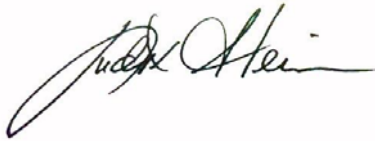
Sincerely,



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