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The Honorable Jeff Duncan  
United States House of Representatives  
2229 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Duncan:

On behalf of the over 5,300 Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) across the country, the National Association of Rural Health Clinics (NARHC) thanks you for your leadership in introducing the *Chronic Care Management Improvement Act of 2023 (H.R.2829)*.

RHCs are part of an essential safety net of care in rural communities across the country, and for more than 45 years have been increasing access to outpatient services in medically underserved areas. For many years, RHCs have been able to bill Medicare for Chronic Care Management (CCM) services, an immensely valuable tool for both patients and providers. However, many RHCs face challenges in full CCM integration due to patient cost-sharing responsibilities. While a valuable service, not all patients can afford additional costs necessary to participate in CCM.

Therefore, we strongly support your bill which would remove patient cost-sharing responsibilities for Chronic Care Management services. This significantly supports RHC and other safety net provider participation in these valuable programs, resulting in more comprehensive access to care for rural communities across the country.

The National Association of Rural Health Clinics would like to express our sincere appreciation for your work in introducing this legislation, and we look forward to working with you to pass the *Chronic Care Management Improvement Act of 2023*.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can provide any further support or information.

Sincerely,

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