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CENTER FOR MEDICARE ADVOCACY PRAISES CHAMP BILL FOR PROVIDING FAIR ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FOR YOUNG AND OLD

The Center for Medicare Advocacy is grateful for the courageous vote in the House of Representatives leading to passage of the CHAMP bill. “This legislation is a major step forward towards redirecting precious taxpayers dollars to access for health care for all generations rather than to subsidies for private companies that provide some coverage for some older people,” said Judith Stein, executive director of the Center for Medicare Advocacy.

As advocates for Medicare beneficiaries, the Center for Medicare Advocacy recognizes the benefit of CHAMP provisions that eliminate Medicare Advantage subsidies, repeal mandatory across-the-board cuts to Medicare, and provide fair payments to doctors. “The CHAMP provisions will help the vast majority of the older people and people with disabilities served by Medicare, while also helping to continue the important State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP),” continues Ms. Stein. “The CHAMP Act is a win-win for all generations. We urge the Senate and President to ensure that it becomes law.”