



April 28, 2021

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Crapo
Ranking Member, Senate Finance Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Wyden and Senator Crapo,

On behalf of the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy (AMCP), I submit this letter of support endorsing Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, nominated by President Joe Biden to serve as the Administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

AMCP is the professional association leading the way to help patients get the medications they need at a cost they can afford. AMCP's diverse membership of pharmacists, physicians, nurses, biopharmaceutical professionals, and other stakeholders leverage their specialized expertise in clinical evidence and economics to optimize medication benefit design and population health management while helping patients access safe, cost-effective medications and other therapies. AMCP members improve the lives of nearly 300 million Americans served by private and public health plans, pharmacy benefit management firms, and emerging care models.

With more than 20 years in health policy, Ms. Brooks-LaSure played a pivotal role in the passage and implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), during both her time on staff with the House Committee for Ways and Means and as deputy director for policy at the Center for Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight (CCIIO) within CMS. As director of coverage policy at the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), she led the agency's implementation of ACA coverage and insurance reform policy provisions. Earlier in her career, she gained valuable Medicaid experience while with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Given Ms. Brooks-LaSure's considerable experience across both the public and private sectors, along with her expertise on health disparities, healthcare costs, and quality of care, AMCP stands ready to partner with her as CMS Administrator on increasing patient access to affordable medicines, improving health outcomes, and ensuring health equity for all Americans.

AMCP looks forward to working with Ms. Brooks-LaSure on our mutual "desire to make sure that patients have access to the care that they need in a way that is affordable to those that are paying," as she shared during a 2019 presentation to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Thank you for the opportunity to support the nomination of Ms. Brooks-LaSure. Given her substantial expertise and extensive experience, Ms. Brooks-LaSure is an excellent choice to serve as CMS Administrator.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan A. Cantrell".

Susan A. Cantrell, RPh, CAE
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