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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
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Dear President-Elect Trump:

On behalf of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP), I am writing to congratulate you on your victory on November 8th. As you refine your agenda and assemble your governing team, ACCP stands ready to work with you to advance a healthcare system of which our nation can be truly proud. While there are clearly areas in need of improvement, we are committed to working with you to help strengthen healthcare services and delivery systems, with the needs of patients at the center of that effort.

ACCP is a professional and scientific society representing more than 18,000 clinical pharmacists. We offer education, advocacy, and resources that enable our members to achieve excellence in clinical practice, research and education. We are the professional home for clinical pharmacy practitioners, scientists, educators, administrators, students, residents, and fellows from more than 60 countries. Together with our members, we are committed to excellence in clinical pharmacy and pharmacotherapy.

As your new Administration considers ways to strengthen and improve the Nation's healthcare system, we urge you to advance efforts to integrate "comprehensive medication management" (CMM) into evolving delivery system and payment reform efforts. Practiced by clinical pharmacists as part of interprofessional healthcare teams, CMM is a collaborative process of care that helps ensure medication use is effectively coordinated, achieves clinical goals, and enhances health care outcomes. In short, CMM helps "get the medications right" as part of an overall effort to improve the quality, effectiveness, and affordability of patient care.

CMM is a practice that is fully endorsed by the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative and is rapidly emerging as the standard of care for integrated health care systems such as the Cleveland Clinic, the Geisinger Health System, the Mayo Clinic and others. It is also recognized within several federal programs like the Indian Health Service, many state Medicaid programs, and the Veterans Administration. It is facilitated and practiced under "collaborative practice agreements" with physicians and other health care providers that have been duly authorized in 49 states.

Therefore, we urge you to make Medicare coverage of CMM one of the first orders of business for your Administration's health care agenda. We can assure you that you will have our full support and cooperation in that effort.

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Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue. Like you, our goal is to make sure that our nation's citizens have access to the highest quality healthcare available. We pledge to work with you toward that shared goal and stand ready to assist you in any way that we can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Mady". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Executive Director