



June 3, 2025

Secretary Lori Chavez-DeRemer  
United States Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20210

**RE: On Behalf of Over 4 Million Providers - Welcome and Meeting Request**

Dear Secretary Chavez-DeRemer,

We write on behalf of the undersigned organizations representing the Patient Access to Responsible Care Alliance (PARCA) to congratulate you on your confirmation as the Secretary of the Department of Labor. As member organizations of PARCA, we represent over four million non-MD/DO Medicare recognized health and mental health providers who provide high-quality, evidence-based care to millions of Americans, especially to those living in rural and underserved areas. We respectfully request an opportunity to meet with you to discuss the experiences of our members in providing patient centered care, and ways to improve efficiency in the healthcare system to put patients and providers first.

We appreciate your support for many of our PARCA member priorities during your time in Congress. We look forward to continuing to work with the Department of Labor on addressing the need for promulgation of a provider nondiscrimination rule to prohibit anticompetitive practices that currently limit patients' access to timely healthcare from their chosen provider. Our members are critical to advancing healthcare access, improving quality of care, and providing cost-effective healthcare delivery, particularly in rural and underserved communities. Yet insurance companies continue to exclude our providers from their networks or reimburse them at lower rates based solely on their licensure.

As you may know, the *Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021* was signed into law by President Trump in December 2020. This legislation included the *No Surprises Act* which requires the Department of Labor, Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Treasury to promulgate rules prohibiting anticompetitive practices by commercial insurers against health care providers by January 1, 2022. The previous administration did not meet this statutory deadline and did not propose any rules to protect patients and providers from these anticompetitive practices. PARCA members are the providers of choice for patients across the country and continuing to permit insurers to exclude providers from networks or to reimburse them less solely based on their licensure, limits patient choice and access to care.

Another important issue for our members is workplace safety. During your confirmation hearing, you acknowledged the seriousness of the issue of workplace violence in health care settings. You also committed to working with lawmakers on this issue and to review the proposed rule to establish a workplace violence prevention standard for health care and social service workers that is scheduled to be issued in June 2025. We applaud your commitment to ensuring workplace safety for health care providers. The Bureau of Labor Statistics found that in 2021-2022, nearly 73 percent of all nonfatal workplace incidents due to violence were among

health care and social assistance workers.<sup>1</sup> Of those incidents, almost 70 percent required days away from work.<sup>2</sup>

We look forward to working with you and your team to increase patient access to care by prohibiting provider discrimination by insurance companies by promulgating a final rule as required under the *Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021*. If we can be of any assistance to you or your staff, or to schedule a meeting with our members, please do not hesitate to contact any of the organizations individually, or Jessica Talbert, Chair of PARCA at [jtalbert@aanp.org](mailto:jtalbert@aanp.org).

Sincerely,

American Academy of Audiology  
American Academy of Physician Associates  
American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology  
American Association of Nurse Practitioners  
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy  
American Chiropractic Association  
American College of Nurse-Midwives  
American Nurses Association  
American Occupational Therapy Association  
American Physical Therapy Association  
American Podiatric Medical Association  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of Social Workers  
National League of Nursing

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.bls.gov/iif/factsheets/workplace-violence-2021-2022.htm>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid