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**Statement for the Record of the  
Healthy Aging Coalition**

Senate Committee on Finance  
Bolstering Chronic Care through Medicare Physician Payment  
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The Healthy Aging Coalition appreciates the opportunity to provide this Statement for the Record in connection with the Senate Committee on Finance hearing entitled, “Bolstering Chronic Care through Medicare Physician Payment.” The Healthy Aging Coalition consists of multiple stakeholder organizations that are committed to ensuring that all older adults live their best lives with equity, vitality, dignity, and purpose, serving as a catalyst for education, action and change. We work to build national awareness around the key challenges and issues that impact aging adults with a focus on those in rural, underserved and minority communities and to identify opportunities for stakeholders, including policymakers, to advance equitable, evidence-based, and innovative solutions.

We appreciate the Committee’s commitment to examining revisions to physician reimbursement in traditional Medicare and Medicare Advantage (MA) to enhance support for seniors managing chronic conditions. One of the Healthy Aging Coalition’s priorities is to support initiatives to reduce the prevalence of chronic conditions such as obesity, diabetes, heart disease, and Alzheimer’s Disease that promote healthy longevity by promoting wellness and prevention programs. The U.S. cannot address chronic diseases without addressing drivers of chronic conditions, such as health disparities and social determinants of health (SDOH). We are concerned that current Medicare reimbursement does not provide adequate payment for the services and support provided by physicians along with those in communities that address these drivers and, in turn, address chronic conditions. It is also important to recognize the need to stabilize Medicare Advantage and the significant progress being made via supplemental benefits. These health-related services are important to chronic care as was recently issued by CMS for the Supplemental Benefits for the Chronically Ill.

As the Committee explores changes to Medicare physician payment as a means of addressing chronic conditions, we urge that due consideration be given to ensuring reimbursement for the community services and supports that address and reduce chronic conditions. This would provide older adults a greater opportunity to achieve health and wellness.

Thank you for your leadership in taking steps to support seniors managing chronic conditions. The Healthy Aging Coalition is committed to working with the Committee to reach this goal. Please contact Vicki Shepard at [vicki.shepard@tivityhealth.com](mailto:vicki.shepard@tivityhealth.com) should you have questions or need more information.



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