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ADAP Advocacy Association Praises Biden-Harris Administration Decision to Suspend Dangerous Medicare Part D Demo

“Trump Administration’s eleventh-hour proposed demonstration project would have undermined Medicare’s six protected classes policy and its essential patient safeguard for beneficiaries living with HIV”

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The ADAP Advocacy Association today praised the Biden-Harris Administration decision to suspend the harmful demonstration project authorized under Medicare Part D, which would have limited patient access to medications covered by the six protected classes policy. The demo, which was unveiled in the waning hours of the Trump Administration, was greeted with widespread condemnation from the patient advocacy community, including HIV stakeholders.

“We applaud the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for *not* moving forward with the proposed changes related to Medicare Part D’s formulary and its six protected classes policy,” said Brandon M. Macsata, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy. “The policy has long stood as a guarantee to patients – including people living with HIV – that their access to all available medications for the most serious diseases would never be in doubt.”

The effort to fight the proposed changes to Medicare’s six protected classes policy was spearheaded by the Part D Partnership, which is a broad coalition of healthcare stakeholders working to ensure that Medicare continues to provide beneficiaries with access to vital medications.

In Medicare Part D, the six protected classes policy protects vulnerable seniors and low-income beneficiaries with serious and complex health conditions, while also allowing Part D insurance plans to use the tools they need to control costs. Medicines for some of the sickest patients in Part D are covered within the six protected classes, including those for cancer, epilepsy, HIV/AIDS and mental illness.

To learn more about the ADAP Advocacy Association, AIDS Drug Assistance Programs, or Medicare Part D, please email info@adapadvocacy.org.

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About the ADAP Advocacy Association: The ADAP Advocacy Association mission is to promote and enhance the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) and improves access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS. **aaa+**[®] works with advocates, community, health care, government, patients, pharmaceutical companies and other stakeholders to raise awareness, offer patient educational programs, and foster greater community collaboration.