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Dear Montana Congressional Delegation,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, and the thousands of Montanans we represent, we respectfully urge you to withdraw the Medicare Part D Payment Modernization Model.

The six protected classes of Part D provide affordable access to care for millions of Americans living with chronic illnesses. The recently released Medicare Part D Payment Modernization Model restricts access to life-saving medicines by requiring only one drug be covered per class and removing the six protected classes. The medications in these classes treat some of the most complex conditions that patients experience including mental illness, cancer, organ transplant rejection, and HIV.

It is critical for these patients that all of the medications in each of these classes remain covered. The model also ties the hands of providers, preventing them from prescribing the best drug for their patient. Instead, they may be forced to alter treatment plans where they are stable on therapies that are already working. Additionally, this proposal does nothing to lower out-of-pocket costs for people. For these reasons, we ask the Biden administration to withdraw this proposal.

We must stand up to protect the Medicare Part D program and its six protected classes to ensure affordable high-quality care remains accessible for those who need it most.

Sincerely,

American Liver Foundation

Mental Health America of Montana

Brain Injury Alliance of Montana

Montana BioScience Alliance

Community Liver Alliance