



Patient Access to Responsible Care Alliance

Bringing Choice and Accountability to Managed Care

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The Honorable Charlie Norwood
1707 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Norwood:

On behalf of the Patient Access to Responsible Care Alliance (PARCA) Steering Committee, I would like to thank you for your leadership on the issue of managed care reform legislation. As you know, the members of the PARCA Alliance have been striving for many years to see the enactment of meaningful managed care reform.

The introduction of H.R. 2723, the Bipartisan Consensus Managed Care Act of 1999, is an important step in moving the debate forward. The members of the PARCA Alliance were pleased to see the inclusion of critical issues such as liability, point-of-service, and provider nondiscrimination. As you know, the PARCA Alliance was based upon these three principles. It has always been our belief that meaningful managed care reform must contain all three provisions in order to garner our support.

With that in mind, the PARCA Alliance is pleased to offer our support for H.R. 2723, which does contain the three principles upon which the PARCA Alliance was founded. We hope that you are successful in moving this legislation through the process to final enactment into law.

Sincerely,

David Hebert
Chairman
PARCA Steering Committee