



Patient Access to Responsible Care Alliance

Bringing Choice and Accountability to Managed Care

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The Honorable John McCain
241 Senate Russell Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCain,

On behalf of the Patient Access to Responsible Care Alliance (PARCA) representing over 647,000 members, we 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 S. 283, the Bipartisan Patient Protection Act of 2001, 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 provider nondiscrimination, point-of-service, and health plan accountability. 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 S. 283, 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.

If PARCA can be of any further assistance to either you or your staff in furthering S. 283 through the legislative process, please do not hesitate to contact David E. Hebert, PARCA chairman, at 202-484-8400.

Sincerely,

PARCA Members:

American Association of Nurse Anesthetists	American Optometric Association
American Physical Therapy Association	American Podiatric Medical Association
American Psychological Association	American College of Nurse Midwives
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association	American Chiropractic Association
Center for Patient Advocacy	National Association of Social Workers
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy	