



S. 1932 and HR 3890, the Better Care, Lower Cost Act

S. 1932, the Better Care, Lower Cost Act was introduced in January by Senator Wyden. It would reorganize care for Medicare beneficiaries with conditions that are “medically complex given the prevalence of chronic disease that actively and persistently affects their health status, and absent appropriate care interventions, causes them to be at enhanced risk for hospitalization, limitations on activities of daily living, or other significant health outcomes.” The House Companion, H.R. 3890, was introduced by Congressman Paulsen.

The bill “establishes an integrated chronic care delivery program that promotes accountability and better care management for chronically ill patient populations and coordinates services under parts A,B, and D, while encouraging investment in infrastructure and redesigned care processes, that result in high quality efficient service delivery for the most vulnerable and costly populations.”

The bill could affect a majority of these Medicare beneficiaries by enrolling them in a qualified Medicare Better Care Program; either a health plan or group of certified providers. Those who do not have a chronic condition would remain in the existing Medicare program and would continue to receive treatment through available fee-for-service or Medicare Advantage options.

CMSA supports the Better Care, Lower Cost Act (S.1932 and HR 3890) because it provides increased access and care management support to Medicare chronically populations enrolled in a Better Care Program which promotes evidence based chronic care and quality outcomes. We encourage you to support S.1932 and HR 3890.

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