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HR 4762, the Medicare Transitional Care Act of 2014

HR 4762 introduced by Congressman Earl Blumenauer and would support and coordinate care for Medicare beneficiaries including transitional care services for qualified individuals provided by a transitional care clinician acting as an employee of a qualified transitional care entity, such as a hospital, a home health agency, a primary care practice, a federally qualified health center or rural health clinic, a long-term care facility, a medical home, an appropriate community-based organization, an assisted living center, or an accountable care organization. The bill defines a 'transitional care clinician' as a qualified individual such as a nurse, case manager, social worker, physician assistant, physician, pharmacist, or other licensed health professional who has received training in the care of those with chronic conditions.



Transitional care services to be provided to qualified beneficiaries include a comprehensive assessment of the individual prior to transition from a care facility to another care facility or home; development of a comprehensive plan of care with the individual, caregiver, and care providers; and facilitation of the comprehensive plan of care to ensure a safe transition plan during the transitional care period to improve outcomes and reduce readmissions.

CMSA supports HR 4762 because the legislation would increase access and support to Medicare beneficiaries at highest risk for a hospital readmission through provision of evidence based transitional care services by an eligible transitional care entity for a specified transitional period. The bill also recognizes the importance of a "transitional care clinician" such as a nurse, case manager, social worker, pharmacist, and other licensed health care professionals working to ensure a safe transition plan. We encourage you to support HR 4762.

For more information on the bill, visit www.ntocc.org and www.cmsa.org/policymakers