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August 10, 2018

The Honorable Seema Verma Administrator Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Department of Health and Human Services Attention: CMS-2413-P P.O. Box 8016 Baltimore, MD 21244

Re: Comment period for Proposed Rule: Medicaid Program; Reassignment of Medicaid Provider Claims (RIN 0938-AT61)

Dear Administrator Verma:

We write to request an extension of the comment period for Proposed Rule: Medicaid Program; Reassignment of Medicaid Provider Claims (RIN 0938-AT61).

Given the proposal's significant impact on home care workers' conditions of employment and bargaining rights as well as the quality of home care services, thirty days is a woefully inadequate comment period. In order to ensure that it receives input from the full range of interested stakeholders, we request that the agency hold open the comment period for at least an additional sixty days beyond August 13, 2018.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact <u>John_DElia@help.senate.gov</u> and <u>Kyle.deCant@mail.house.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

all

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