Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

March 10, 2020

Matt Eyles
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America's Health Insurance Plans
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Dear Mr. Eyles:

On January 31, Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Azar declared a formal public health emergency in response to the global threat of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).[1] As every part of the United States health system rushes to respond COVID-19, the undersigned Members of Congress request your leadership ensuring Americans can continue to access their prescription drugs during this epidemic.

It is the current recommendation of the Department of Homeland Security that individuals maintain a continuous supply of prescription medications in their homes.[2] We are concerned current restraints on prescription refills will make it impossible for many Americans to follow these suggestions. As you know, refills are seldom permitted until a patient is nearly out of medication.

In your position as President and CEO of America's Health Insurance Plans, can you please clarify what payors are doing to ensure that patients are able to maintain a continuous supply of prescription drugs for chronic disease management?

Given the urgent nature of this crisis, we ask for a prompt response by March 13, 2020.

Sincerely,

Tom Malinowski
Member of Congress

Katie Porter
Member of Congress

[1] https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/01/31/secretary-azar-declares-public-health-emergency-us-2019-novel-coronavirus.html
[2] https://www.ready.gov/pandemic

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