



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS  
WITH DISABILITIES**

September 5, 2014

Dear Mr. Dodaro:

We are writing this letter on behalf of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Health Task Force to nominate Henry Claypool to serve as a Commissioner on the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) in response to the July 22, 2014 Federal Register Notice, 79FR42515, calling for MACPAC nominations. We are also writing to support his nomination, as put forward by retiring MACPAC Commissioner Judith Moore.

The Medicaid program is vital to people with disabilities of all types, providing access to acute health care, long-term services and supports, prescription drug coverage, durable medical equipment and assistive devices. MACPAC plays an important role in reviewing Medicaid and CHIP access and payment policies and to advise Congress on issues affecting Medicaid and CHIP. It is critically important that the needs and views of both children and adults with disabilities be represented on MACPAC as it completes its reviews and provides its advice to Congress.

Henry Claypool would be an outstanding Commissioner. He would provide MACPAC with thorough knowledge of Medicaid policy development and implementation and program operations. In addition, Henry will provide his fellow Commissioners with the perspective of an individual with a disability and a former Medicaid recipient. Mr. Claypool was enrolled in both Medicaid and Medicare following a spinal cord injury that occurred over thirty years ago. He understands how Medicaid rules affect people with disabilities in a way that someone who has never been a recipient cannot. We believe this perspective is essential so that the recommendations of MACPAC ensure that people with disabilities continue to maintain affordable access to the Medicaid health care, services and supports they need to live independently in the community. There will be no consumer representation on MACPAC with Robin Smith's term ending this year. We believe MACPAC needs representation of people with disabilities and Mr. Claypool would do an excellent job of providing it.

Mr. Claypool also has thorough knowledge regarding Medicaid and other Federal programs for people with disabilities, as well as the interaction among and between those programs. He has devoted his professional career to ensuring that people with disabilities have access to health care and needed services and supports. He currently serves as the Executive Vice-President of the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) where he advocates for improvements to the Medicaid program to better support adults with disabilities, especially working adults with disabilities with personal attendant care and other support needs. Previously, he served as a disability advisor to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and as Principal Deputy Commissioner of the Administration on Community Living. Mr. Claypool was also appointed by President Obama to serve as a member of the Commission on Long-Term Care created by the

Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012. These experiences have given him a thorough knowledge of the Medicaid program and its role and importance for people with disabilities.

Thank you for considering our nomination of Henry Claypool to serve as a MACPAC commissioner.

Sincerely,

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