



April 23, 2026

The Honorable Brett Guthrie
Chairman
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
Ranking Member
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Morgan Griffith
Chairman
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Subcommittee on Health
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Diana DeGette
Ranking Member
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2323 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairmen Guthrie and Griffith and Ranking Members Pallone and DeGette,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations representing the Patient Access to Responsible Care Alliance (PARCA), we appreciate the Health Subcommittee’s hearing on March 18, 2026, titled “Lowering Health Care Costs for All Americans: An Examination of the U.S. Provider Landscape”. PARCA thanks the Committee for holding this hearing to discuss the challenges that providers face in delivering care.

PARCA is hopeful that as the Committee continues to discuss these issues, it will also seek the input and expertise of other providers who were not witnesses in the hearing, such as the over four million non-MD/DO Medicare recognized health and behavioral and mental health providers that PARCA represents. Our members provide high-quality, evidence-based care to millions of Americans, especially to those living in rural and underserved areas.

PARCA members are the providers of choice for millions of patients, yet still face outdated federal barriers that increase costs, reduce patient access to care, and do not reflect the modern delivery of health care in communities across the nation. We understand the importance of ensuring that providers are recognized to practice to the fullest extent of their training, education, certification, and experience to increase patient access. This would allow patients greater access to timely care, increased competition, and lower costs, without compromising on quality or safety.



PARCA and our member organizations are eager to work with you and your staff on these important healthcare issues. We urge that you include the perspective of non-MD/DO healthcare leaders to showcase the life-changing impact our members have on patients across the nation. If we can be of any assistance to you or your staff, please do not hesitate to contact any of the organizations individually, or Jessica Talbert, Chair of PARCA at jtalbert@aanp.org.

Sincerely,

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

American Academy of Audiology

American Academy of Physician Associates

American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology

American Association of Nurse Practitioners

American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

American Chiropractic Association

American College of Nurse-Midwives

American Nurses Association

American Occupational Therapy Association

American Pharmacists Association

American Physical Therapy Association

American Psychological Association Services

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists

National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

National Association of Social Workers

National League of Nursing