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Dear Senators Carper and Scott,

On behalf of AMGA and our multispecialty medical groups and integrated system of care, which represent about 177,000 physicians who care for over one in three Americans, I want to thank you for introducing S. 3792, the Hospital Inpatient Services Modernization Act. We appreciate your proposal to extend the Acute Hospital Care at Home (AHCAH) waiver flexibilities beyond the conclusion of the public health emergency (PHE) for an additional two years. AMGA supports your legislation, and we look forward to working with you and your colleagues to ensure this bill is signed into law.

Our patients have come to expect care be delivered in the home setting if possible. As you know, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services implemented the AHCAH flexibilities during the COVID-19 PHE to allow Medicare beneficiaries to receive acute-level healthcare services in their home environment. The AHCAH Program also allows for greater acute care management, covering the treatment of more than 60 acute conditions such as asthma, congestive heart failure, pneumonia, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), ensuring that patients can be treated appropriately and safely in the home setting. However, this regulatory flexibility is contingent upon the renewal of the PHE every 90 days, which is at times renewed near the day of expiration. Also, as we grow nearer to the potential end the PHE, our providers and their patients need stability and certainty as they continue to invest in providing acute-level services in the home.

Thank you for supporting the vital work of our nation's healthcare providers by introducing S. 3792. AMGA and our members stand ready to assist you in securing its passage. We appreciate your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

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