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Community Access National Network Urges Biden Administration to Reject Medicare Part D Demo

Change severely limits access to medications covered by Medicare's six protected classes policy

WASHINGTON, DC (February 2, 2021) – The Community Access National Network, also known as CANN, today called on the Biden Administration to halt the new Medicare Part D demonstration project, which was unveiled last-minute by the previous administration. The change would harm patient access to medications covered by the six protected classes policy.

“The importance of the six protected classes policy to the HIV community cannot be overstated, but the same applies to mental health therapies and their role in HIV-care spanning the three-decade fight against AIDS,” summarized William E. Arnold, President & CEO of the Community Access National Network. “Profit margins should not trump the patient/doctor decisions Patients have told us that similar drugs are not necessarily equal drugs from every patient's perspective, or every patient's health outcome results.”

Medicare's six protected classes policy enjoys broad bipartisan support in Congress, as well as by a diverse group of stakeholders in the patient community. For patients living with HIV/AIDS, Medicare's six protected classes policy guarantees access to lifesaving medications.

“CANN is proud to stand with the Part D Access members in opposition to the Trump administration's last-minute attempt to weaken Medicare,” argued Jen Laws, CANN's HIV/HCV Co-Infection Watch Project Manager & 340B Policy Consultant. “President Biden *must* reverse this deeply misguided demonstration project and protect Medicare's Rx coverage.”

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About the Community Access National Network: *The mission of the Community Access National Network (CANN) is to define, promote, and improve access to healthcare services and supports for people living with HIV/AIDS and/or Viral Hepatitis through advocacy, education, and networking. These services must be affordable to the people who need them regardless of insurance status, income, or geographic location.*

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