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Community Access National Network Celebrates Biden Administration Protecting Medicare Part D

Proposed Demonstration would have severely limited access to medications covered by Medicare's six protected classes policy

WASHINGTON, DC (March 18, 2021) – The Community Access National Network, also known as CANN, today celebrated the Biden Administration directing the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to halt the new Medicare Part D demonstration project on Drug Formularies Flexibility. The proposed change would have limited patient access to medications covered by the six protected classes policy.

William E. Arnold, President & CEO of the Community Access National Network, reacted to the news by stating: "Health advocates who labored to get the six protected classes policy into Medicare characterized the proposed demonstration project as an ill-advised effort. Changing the rules to allow commercial or economic interests to restrict patient access to drugs deemed medically necessary was not an acceptable choice in 2021 America. We particularly salute the hard work by the Partnership for Part D Access for their advocacy and leadership to put this most recent misguided effort in the trashcan, where it belongs."

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.

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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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