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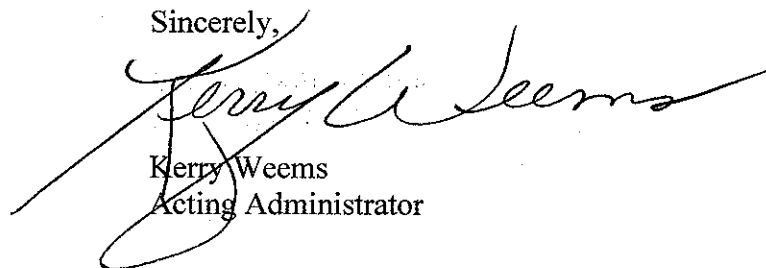
Dear Dr. Rich:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) appreciates the extraordinary efforts of the American Medical Association/Specialty Society RVS Update Committee (RUC) in determining the values for care management services furnished to beneficiaries under a new Medical Home Demonstration project. CMS applauds the conscientious manner in which the RUC approached this very important task and the professionalism that marks your recommendations.

We also appreciate the RUC's suggestions to look closely at clinical, as well as fiscal, endpoints in evaluating the overall value of medical home services. There will be many determinants of success with regard to medical home care and CMS recognizes the need to examine a variety of metrics in our evaluation. We will take your suggestions under advisement as we prepare to design the evaluation of the Medical Home Demonstration.

Once again may we express our sincere appreciation for the work of the RUC and its workgroup in supporting the Medical Home Demonstration project.

Sincerely,



Kerry Weems
Acting Administrator