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Dr. Meena Seshamani, M.D., PhD  
Deputy Administrator and Director of Center for Medicare  
U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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Dear Dr. Seshamani,

On behalf of the [Nursing Community Coalition \(NCC\)](#), we congratulate you on being selected the Deputy Administrator and Director of Center for Medicare at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss shared goals. The NCC represents a cross section of education, practice, research, and regulation within the nursing profession and believes that the healthcare delivery system should be one that promotes wellness, advances research through scientific discovery, and provides timely access to care across the life continuum. We are proud to continue our work with the CMS, especially as nurses, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs)<sup>1</sup>, nursing students, and nurse leaders represent the largest segment of the healthcare workforce.

The work you have accomplished throughout your career, including as a policy expert, health care executive, and a clinician, exemplifies the dedication you have to ensure all individuals receive the care they need and deserve. We recognize that our students, nurses, and APRNs are an integral link to all aspects of that care, no matter if it is in remote rural areas or large urban cities. Ensuring the health care of our communities across the country is crucial. That is why we have supported various initiatives to remove barriers to practice, advance equity, encourage innovation, increase flexibility in telehealth provisions, coverage, and reimbursement, and extend, or make permanent, waivers issued during this public health emergency.

The unique partnership the NCC has created allows our national nursing organizations to unite on shared priorities and promote America's health through the nursing lens. We stand ready to work with you in your mission to support the health of our nation. If the Nursing Community Coalition can be of any assistance to you or your staff, and to set up a meeting to discuss shared goals, please

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<sup>1</sup> APRNs include certified nurse-midwives (CNMs), certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs), clinical nurse specialists (CNSs) and nurse practitioners (NPs).

do not hesitate to contact the coalition's Executive Director, Rachel Stevenson, at [rstenenson@thenursingcommunity.org](mailto:rstenenson@thenursingcommunity.org) or at 202-463-6930, ext. 271.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses  
Academy of Neonatal Nursing  
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing  
American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners  
American Academy of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Critical-Care Nurses  
American Association of Heart Failure Nurses  
American Association of Neuroscience Nurses  
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
American Association of Nurse Practitioners  
American Association of Occupational Health Nurses  
American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing  
American College of Nurse-Midwives  
American Nephrology Nurses Association  
American Nurses Association  
American Nursing Informatics Association  
American Organization for Nursing Leadership  
American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association, Inc.  
American Public Health Association, Public Health Nursing Section  
American Psychiatric Nurses Association  
American Society for Pain Management Nursing  
American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses  
Association for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing  
Association of Community Health Nursing Educators  
Association of Nurses in AIDS Care  
Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses  
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses  
Association of Public Health Nurses  
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses  
Association of Veterans Affairs Nurse Anesthetists  
Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses  
Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Incorporated  
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service  
Dermatology Nurses' Association  
Emergency Nurses Association  
Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research  
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association  
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association  
Infusion Nurses Society  
International Association of Forensic Nurses  
International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses  
National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists  
National Association of Hispanic Nurses

National Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of Neonatal Nurses  
National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners  
National Association of School Nurses  
National Black Nurses Association  
National Council of State Boards of Nursing  
National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers  
National League for Nursing  
National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence  
National Nurse-Led Care Consortium  
National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties  
Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs  
Oncology Nursing Society  
Organization for Associate Degree Nursing  
Pediatric Endocrinology Nursing Society  
Preventive Cardiovascular Nurses Association  
Society of Pediatric Nurses  
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates  
Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Nurses Society