



February 25, 2015

The Honorable Marilyn Tavenner, MHA, RN
Administrator
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244

Dear Administrator Tavenner,

On behalf of the 61 organizations comprising the Nursing Community coalition, we would like to thank you for your service as the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). While serving in this prestigious leadership position, you have assisted CMS in mobilizing major transformations that aim to ensure healthcare coverage for patients across the country, including those who previously had little or no access to health care. Collectively, the Nursing Community represents over one million registered nurses (RNs), advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), nurse faculty, researchers, and students, and we are committed to promoting efforts that advance the health of our nation through nursing care.

The Nursing Community applauds your exemplary leadership which has allowed the agency to collaborate with Congress and the public. Your rich professional portfolio, encompassing nursing practice and public health administration as former Secretary of Health and Human Resources for the Commonwealth of Virginia, has afforded you the expertise to understand how federal policy is implemented at the state and local levels and to guide this process with finesse. Our organizations look forward to continuing to work with the agency you directed in order to enhance care delivery and the utilization of RNs and APRNs to their full capacity.

Again, we thank you for all you have done to promote the health of Americans, and we wish you the best in your future endeavors. If the Nursing Community can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Suzanne Miyamoto, at SMiyamoto@aacn.nche.edu or 202-463-6930 ext. 247.

Sincerely,

Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses
American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing
American Academy of Nursing
American Assembly for Men in 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 Assessment Coordination
American Association of Nurse Practitioners
American Association of Occupational Health Nurses
American College of Nurse-Midwives
American Nephrology Nurses' Association
American Nurses Association
American Organization of Nurse Executives
American Pediatric Surgical Nurses Association
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 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
Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service
Dermatology Nurses' Association
Developmental Disabilities Nurses Association
Emergency Nurses Association
Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association
Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association
Infusion Nurses Society
International Association of Forensic Nurses
International Society of Nurses in Genetics
International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses
National American Arab Nurses Association
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 Gerontological Nursing Association
National Nursing Centers 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
Public Health Nursing Section, American Public Health Association
Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates
The Quad Council of Public Health Nursing Organizations
Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society