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National Health Council Statement on CMS Proposed Rule on Market Stabilization

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Putting patients first should be the priority in all current health care reform efforts. We appreciate the Administration's efforts to stabilize the health insurance marketplace. However, as reform moves forward, the impact on patients, especially those with chronic diseases and disabilities, should be a factor considered in these changes. Without access to fair, affordable health insurance, those who need it the most could be negatively impacted by narrowing insurance offerings. We are currently reviewing the proposed rule and look forward to providing substantive comments and continuing our work with Congress and the Administration to put patients first.

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Founded in 1920, the NHC is the only organization that brings together all segments of the health community to provide a united voice for the more than 133 million people with chronic diseases and disabilities and their family caregivers. Made up of more than 100 national health-related organizations and businesses, the NHC's core membership includes the nation's leading patient advocacy organizations, which control its governance and policy-making process. Other members include professional and membership associations, nonprofit organizations with an interest in health, and representatives from the pharmaceutical, generic drug, insurance, medical device, and biotechnology industries.