

May 19, 2022

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC, 20510

The Honorable Mike Crapo
Ranking Member
Senate Finance Committee
239 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
Chair
Senate Finance Subcommittee on Health Care
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Steve Daines
Ranking Member
Senate Finance Subcommittee on Health Care
320 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Wyden, Ranking Member Crapo, Chair Stabenow, and Ranking Member Daines:

The undersigned organizations, all committed to improving outcomes for individuals with sickle cell disease (SCD), seek your leadership in marking up the Sickle Cell Disease Comprehensive Care Act (S. 3389) introduced by Senators Cory Booker and Tim Scott. Our organizations strongly demonstrate support for a demonstration program for Medicaid beneficiaries to improve access to care for individuals with sickle cell disease.

approvals of new treatments for SCD and more in the pipeline, there is no better time than now to improve the SCD community's access to state-of-the-art care.

Additionally, the proposed demonstration program addresses the priority areas highlighted in CMS' recently released action plan to address health equity. The SCD demonstration program has the capability to eliminate disparities in health care quality and access for this extremely vulnerable population, which in turn, could serve as a model for CMS' multifaceted efforts to improve health equity and eliminate disparities.

Now is the time to initiate this program. We need your leadership to advance the bill in your committee. Our organizations are committed to seeking cosponsors and working with the committees of jurisdiction to move the policy and program forward.

Please consider all of the organizations listed below as a resource and keep us apprised on how we can assist you. Thank you again for your efforts to improve the lives of individuals with this debilitating disease.

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Agios Pharmaceuticals

Alpert Medical School of Brown University

American Academy of Pediatrics

American College of Emergency Physicians

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

American Heart Association

American Psychological Association

American Public Health Association

American Red Cross

American Society for Clinical Pathology

American Society for Reproductive Medicine

American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy

American Society of Hematology

American Society of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology

American Thoracic Society

ASH Research Collaborative

Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses

Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs

Association of Public Health Laboratories

Axis Advocacy

Beam Therapeutics

Black Women's Health Imperative

bluebird bio

Bridging the Gap-Adult Sickle Cell Disease Foundation of Nevada

Cayenne Wellness Center | Sickle Cell Education, Support, and Advocacy

Forma Therapeutics

Foundation for Sickle Cell Disease Research

Global Blood Therapeutics

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Greater Boston Sickle Cell Disease Association

