



October 23, 2018

The Honorable Seema Verma
Administrator
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244

Dear Administrator Verma:

The Diabetes Advocacy Alliance (DAA) is writing to call your attention to the importance of a letter the coalition sent to Secretary Alex Azar and Dr. Scott Gottlieb on October 23 related to a recent study highlighting accuracy issues with certain blood glucose testing systems furnished to people with diabetes. Given the magnitude of the diabetes epidemic in the Medicare and Medicaid populations, we strongly believe the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services can and should play an important role in addressing this serious issue. We urge you to take necessary steps to ensure all people with diabetes have access to safe and accurate blood glucose testing systems.

As stated in our letter to Secretary Azar and Dr. Gottlieb, the undersigned organizations strongly urge you to acknowledge the issue of blood glucose testing system accuracy and its potential implications for people with diabetes, including seniors with diabetes, and take the necessary steps to ensure access to safe and accurate testing systems.

We look forward to continuing to engage with HHS, FDA and CMS on this issue. If you have any questions or need additional information, please free to contact one of the DAA's co-chairs: Meghan Riley at mriley@diabetes.org, Meredith Dyer at mdyer@endocrine.org, or Karin Gillespie at kgil@novonordisk.com.

Sincerely,
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Diabetes Patient Advocacy Coalition
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