



MEMO

TO: Senate Finance Committee – Chronic Care Working Group

FROM: Hope Warshaw, MMSc, RD, CDE, President AADE 2016

DATE: January 29, 2016

RE: SFC Bipartisan Chronic Care Working Group Policy Options Document

Dear Chairman Hatch, Ranking Member Wyden, Senator Isakson, and Senator Warner:

As a constituent of Senator Warner's, a member of the Virginia Coordinating Body of the American Association of Diabetes Educators (AADE) and President of AADE during 2016, I strongly support the attached recommendations in response to the December 2015 Senate Committee on Finance (SFC) Bipartisan Chronic Care Working Group Policy Options Document.

Nationally it's estimated that 29 million people have diabetes and 86 million people are at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes. In Virginia, over 3 million or 39 percent of the population of Virginia live with diabetes or prediabetes. Care and treatment for these growing populations were estimated by ADA in 2012 to be \$245 billion per year.

On behalf of AADE's more than 14,000 members who are dedicated to improving diabetes care through self-management education and particularly the Virginia Coordinating Body of AADE with over 350 encourage members of the SFC Bipartisan Chronic Care Working Group we encourage you to strongly consider our collective perspective on the issues surrounding chronic care treatment and care coordination. It is imperative that the healthcare system eliminate barriers to care coordination and expand access to prediabetes education and the expansion of access to the use of telehealth to deliver our cost-effective services.

Thank you for all of your efforts to improve the education and management of all people with prediabetes and diabetes.

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President AADE 2016