

June 15, 2022

The Honorable Senator Bob Casey Chairman, Senate Special Committee on Aging The Honorable Senator Tim Scott Ranking Member, Senate Special Committee on Aging

Reference: Advancing Integration in Medicare and Medicaid (Aim) Act

Dear Senator Casey and Senator Scott,

On behalf of Altarum, and its subsidiary Altarum Medicare Medicaid Services for States (AMMS), we write to express our support of the AIM Act.

Altarum, is a nonprofit organization that designs and implements solutions to improve the health of individuals with fewer financial resources and populations disenfranchised by the health care system. Altarum works across the health ecosystem translating policy into practice to improve care and advance health equity. We work primarily on behalf of federal and state governments to design and implement solutions that achieve measurable results. Altarum established our subsidiary nonprofit AMMS to help states create financially sustainable solutions to advance health, health equity, wellness, and community-based, independent living for dually eligible individuals. AMMS enhances state capacity by offering exceptional national expertise around dual integration and LTSS policy and program administration to both identify a path to and implement integrated initiatives.

By requiring states to develop a strategy to integrate and coordinate Medicaid and Medicare coverage for individuals dually eligible for Medicare and full Medicaid benefits, the AIM Act is a critical step to improving outcomes for these participants. Most currently access care and supports that are fragmented across the two programs. There is a significant opportunity to enhance and better align these programs to improve individuals' experiences, outcomes, and quality of life, address the cost-shifting that occurs between the two programs, and achieve savings. We further support mechanisms to provide funding to states to undertake these efforts.

Thank you for your focus on the needs of dually eligible individuals and their systems of care and supports.

Sincerely,

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