



Washington, DC (September 13, 2020) – The Part B Access for Seniors and Physicians (ASP) Coalition released the following statement regarding the Trump administration’s decision to move forward with an executive order implementing foreign price controls:

“The ASP Coalition has long raised concerns about such proposals. In a 2018 [letter](#) to lawmakers signed by 339 patient and provider organizations, the ASP Coalition warned about the International Pricing Index (IPI) Model, “The danger of this approach is demonstrated by the experience of patients in countries CMS would use to set Medicare reimbursement. CMS plans to use reference pricing from countries with health care models where government bureaucrats, not physicians, make medical decisions. There is evidence that patients in these countries do not have access to state-of-the-art medical innovation and is not a model the U.S. should emulate on any level.”

Further, we recognized the need to address drug costs but worry about the timing of disrupting payment systems in the middle of a global pandemic when physician practices are currently in disarray. Due to COVID-19, patients are already having extreme difficulty seeing their providers, all while being treated for some of the most serious diseases. Adding additional hurdles to an already exacerbated situation will result in significant issues for patients and providers. Our Coalition is once again calling on the administration to abandon the most favored nation policy and focus on patient-centered reforms so we can protect provider-patient relationships and the high-quality care they foster.”

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