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Part B Access for Seniors and Physicians (ASP) Coalition and Over 1,000 Stakeholders Oppose “Most Favored Nation” Policies in H.R. 3

Today, the Part B Access for Seniors and Physicians (ASP) Coalition released new data showing that over 1,000 stakeholders responded in opposition during the public comment period for the Most Favored Nation (MFN) Model Interim Final Rule with Comment Period (IFC). Specifically, the commenters opposed the implementation of the dangerous “most-favored-nation” (MFN) drug pricing policies in H.R. 3. Over 98% of Americans who voiced their concerns to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) throughout the comment period, which ended on January 26, 2021, opposed the MFN policies. These concerns are also shared by the 339 patient and provider organizations who signed a [letter](#) to lawmakers in 2018 and the 355 who spoke out against harmful policies in their December 2020 [letter](#).

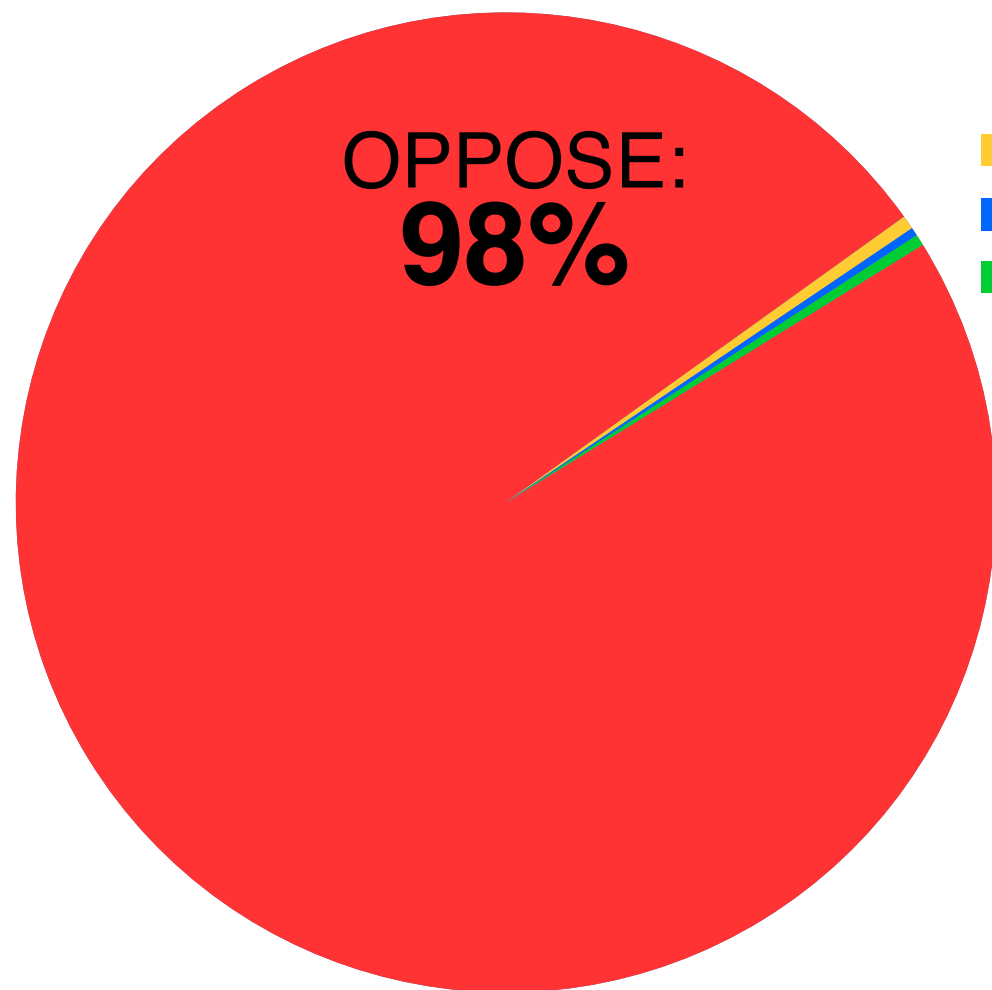
As we begin to heal from this global pandemic, we must focus on patient-centered reforms that protect patient-provider relationships and the high-quality care that our country has consistently been able to offer. We cannot allow this dangerous system and such dangerous legislation to be implemented in the United States. Our Coalition is once again calling on the administration to abandon the MFN policy and arbitrary international pricing models featured in H.R. 3.

Additionally, our concerns remain for the sweeping impacts that H.R. 3 would have on Medicare Part B and, most importantly, on access to life-changing medicines for patients served by this important program.

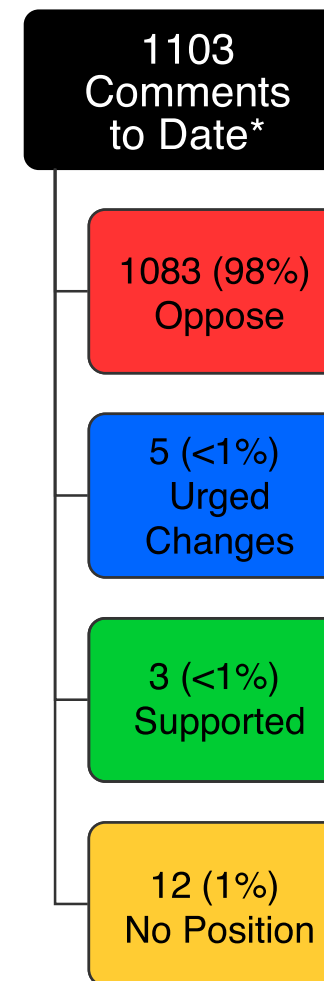
The newly released data shows that there is overwhelming opposition to the proposed MFN policies. As of March 31, 2021, 1,083 (98%) of the 1,103 comments were in opposition to the proposed MFN policies.

(See chart on next page)

Most Favored Nation Demonstration Opposed by 98% of Commentors



No Position: 1%
Urged Changes: Less than 1%
Support: Less than 1%



The 2020 MFN proposed to test: (1) reducing Part B drug payments to lowest price in other countries & (2) a flat add-on payment
CMS: The demo, originally set to begin Jan. 1, 2021 to court injunction & “will not be implemented without further rulemaking”

* Comments posted as of March 31, 2021; excludes duplicates to greatest extent possible given limitations of website search functions; comments due Jan. 26, 2021