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Dear Ms. Stanley:

We are writing to invite you or your designee to testify before the Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight at a hearing entitled, "Oversight and Business Practices of Durable Medical Equipment Companies." The hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in Room SD-342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to review payments by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) under Medicare Part B to suppliers of medical products such as diabetic testing equipment, CPAP machines, power mobility devices, and back braces, also known as durable medical equipment. The hearing will also examine the promotion and marketing of these types of products by durable medical equipment companies to patients and their doctors. The hearing will also assess CMS' oversight of durable medical equipment reimbursements under Medicare Part B, including its efforts to control costs and detect and prevent abusive practices and improper payments.

Your testimony should address AdvanceMed's role as the Zone Program Integrity Contractor (ZPIC) for Zones 2 and 5 for CMS. Specifically, you should be prepared to discuss how AdvanceMed assists CMS to detect and prevent Medicare fraud and overpayments for durable medical equipment. You should be prepared to discuss the cost of these contracts, including award fees. You should also be prepared to discuss the types of fraud AdvanceMed has identified in the past, the volume of overpayments identified for durable medical equipment, recommendations to CMS for administrative actions that may help prevent improper payments, and the volume of payments recovered by Medicare Administrative Contractors, Recovery Audit Contractors, and other contractors that assist CMS in recovery efforts.

We request that you summarize your testimony in 5 minutes, although a longer written statement may be submitted for the official record. This will allow adequate time for you to engage in questions and answers with members of the Subcommittee. **Subcommittee rules require that your testimony be submitted by no later than 2:00 P.M. on Monday, April 22, 2013.** Please send official correspondence relating to this invitation, including an electronic copy of your written statement and a brief one page biography, to Subcommittee Clerk, Lauren Corcoran, at Lauren_Corcoran@hsgac.senate.gov.

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The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight is set forth in Senate Rule XXV clause 1(k); Senate Resolution 445 section 101 (108th Congress); and Senate Resolution 64 (113th Congress).

We look forward to your participation. Please contact Alan Kahn with Senator McCaskill's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-6814 or Ritika Rodrigues with Senator Johnson's Subcommittee staff at (202) 224-2210 with any questions.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill
Chairman
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