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Dear Mr. Beck,

Hello, I am a dialysis social worker serving the needs of patients at Davita Walker Road and Davita Gateway Dialysis. I am writing out of concern for the well-being of my patients. I have recently learned of changes in health coverage and that there are certain plans which are shifting a significant financial responsibility onto our patients. These patients are already heavily burdened by the high cost of medications, ongoing treatments in order to sustain life and trying to manage all of this while on a fixed income in many cases. It appears that members diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease are being discriminated against in terms of coverage options and burden of cost.

I want to encourage you to remove plans that are changing the wording to disguise payment shifts to our most vulnerable patients. Many patients are burdened enough just trying to stay healthy and alive. My population of patients range from 20 years old to 91. They have significant challenges in our changing health care environment. Adding plans that would exclusively target them is unthinkable and wrong. Please act on this. Remember that any one of us could discover that we have a chronic illness too. I urge you to do the right thing and act now.

Thank you for your attention in this important matter for our patients.

Signature

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