



March 22, 2018

The Honorable Alex Azar II, JD  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Hubert H. Humphrey Building  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Azar,

The Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA) would like to congratulate you on your appointment as the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. GAPNA represents over 3,700 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses including Clinical Nurse Specialists and Nurse Practitioners with an expertise in Geriatrics who provide care of older adults across settings.

With the increasing number of older Americans, the need for providers with expertise to care for this population is greater than ever before. The Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association recognizes the need to advocate for this vulnerable population.

Our members would like to collaborate with you and your staff to improve health outcomes in our aging population, while adding value to the patient, providers and the system.

Once again, congratulations! We look forward to working with you. Please reach out to our Executive Director, Michael Brennan, at 866-355-1392, or [michael.brennan@gapna.org](mailto:michael.brennan@gapna.org), myself at J. Michelle Moccia DNP, ANP-BC, CCRN, President, GAPNA at [Michelle.moccia@stjoeshealth.org](mailto:Michelle.moccia@stjoeshealth.org) or Susan Mullaney, DNP, APRN, GNP-BC, Chair, GAPNA Health Affairs Committee at [susan\\_e\\_mullaney@uhg.com](mailto:susan_e_mullaney@uhg.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Michelle Moccia". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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