



December 13, 2019

The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Majority Leader, House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Addison Mitchell McConnell Jr.
Minority Leader, House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader, U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader Hoyer, Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell:

On behalf of the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA) we are reaching out to strongly urge Members of Congress to permanently repeal the Health Insurance Tax (HIT) for Medicare Advantage and Part D beneficiaries by the end of the year.

As Congress considers end-of-year legislation, it is important to our organization, our members, and the patients and families we serve that Congress enact policies to bring down health care costs. The most immediate action Congress can take, is to protect individuals and families, seniors, and small businesses from higher health care costs by repealing the Health Insurance Tax. We understand that a repeal of the tax is under consideration for inclusion in the end-of-year legislative package, and we urge you to vocally and forcefully support such inclusion.

The tax is directly responsible for increasing health care costs, and last week CMS itself said that the increase in health care costs in 2018 was “due primarily to the reinstatement of the health insurance tax.” As an organization devoted to accessible and affordable care for all, we urge you to include a repeal of the tax in the legislation that must pass before the end of the year.

Thank you for your consideration of our views on this important issue. Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at gapna@gapna.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dr. Deborah Dunn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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2019-2020 GAPNA President

About GAPNA:

The Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (GAPNA) is the premier organization that represents the interests of nurse practitioners and all providers who work with older adults. Since its founding in 1981, GAPNA's central mission is to advance excellence in the care of older adults. Our members are active in a variety of settings across the health care continuum including primary, acute, post-acute, home care, and long-term care. GAPNA provides opportunities for education, leadership, research, advocacy, networking, and advancement of evidence-based care for older adults.

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