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January 27, 2012

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Sebelius:

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) released yesterday a marketing piece about the projects begun since 2011. However, the brochure actually raised more questions than it answered.

As you know, CMMI will receive \$10 billion in funding every decade in perpetuity. CMMI provides the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services with what amounts to a blanket authority and unchecked powers, as its activities and initiatives do not require Congressional approval, public comment, or rulemaking.

Given the large sum of taxpayer dollars that are at stake, and the fact that few outside of Washington, D.C., have even heard of CMMI, Congressional oversight is needed to ensure that CMMI is spending its large sum of money efficiently and using its unprecedented powers appropriately. To this end, we require answers to the following requests:

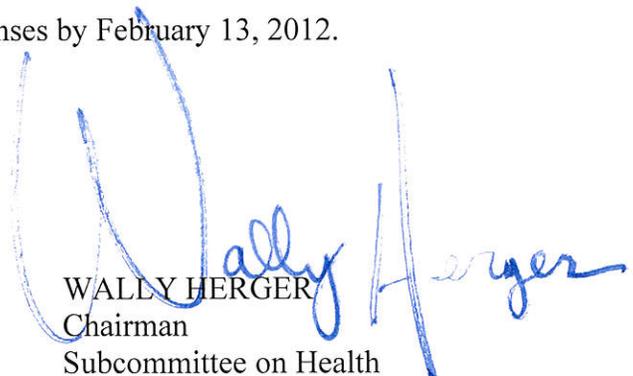
1. Please provide a detailed accounting of all money spent and allocated by CMMI since its inception. This accounting should include, but not be limited to, the names of all outside contractors and the purpose and amount of each contract.
2. Please provide a detailed description of all current and anticipated CMMI projects, the specific source of funding for each project, and the amount of savings CMMI expects will be realized by each project and a detailed basis for the savings projections.
3. Much of CMMI's work has been delegated to the U.S. Department of Energy and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL). Please provide the following information:
  - a. What does a laboratory, which is managed for the Department of Energy and specializes in increasing the availability of clean energy, environmental protection, and isotope production, have to do with "revitalizing and sustaining Medicare, Medicaid, and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and ultimately for improving the health care system for all Americans," the purported mission of CMMI?

- b. The amount of money ORNL has and will receive for its CMMI-related work;
  - c. A detailed account of who is funding this work: CMMI, the Department of Energy, or some other entity; and
  - d. A copy of the contractual agreement between HHS/CMS/CMMI and ORNL.
4. Has money provided to CMMI been used for public relations activities? If so, please provide the names of any outside firms that were used, a description of the arrangements, any materials produced by them, and all contractual agreements.
5. Please provide the following information as it relates to CMMI's inner workings:
  - a. A list of names and titles for each full-time and part-time CMMI employee and from which administrative account(s) their salaries are paid;
  - b. Detailed and comprehensive information on CMMI's reporting and decision-making structure; and
  - c. A complete financial disclosure form submitted by CMMI's Director, Richard J. Gilfillan, M.D., the only CMMI staff member listed on CMMI's website.
6. Please provide the following information relating to Executive Branch staff that assist, but are not exclusively assigned to, CMMI:
  - a. A list of names, titles, and departments and/or agencies for all Executive Branch staff involved with CMMI and from which administrative account(s) their salaries are paid; and
  - b. A detailed and comprehensive description of the role White House staff play in CMMI.

We look forward to your completed and detailed responses by February 13, 2012.

Sincerely,

  
DAVE CAMP  
Chairman

  
WALLY HERGER  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Health