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Hon. Wally Herger
Chairman
House Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Health

Re: Government funded health insurance exchanges

Dear Mr. Herger:

I wish to state my opposition to the creation of federally funded health insurance exchanges. Creation of these exchanges is designed to allow the federal government to take over health care in the United States. It will be yet one more obstacle standing in the way between the patient and his or her physician. As a result decisions on health care and treatment will be dictated by a third party who controls the purse strings and, thereby, controls the type of treatment that will be allowed.

Health insurance exchanges will add a burdensome and inflexible layer to the already difficult practice of medicine. Imagine the rules and regulations as they stand under CMS and multiply them to an infinite degree.

Sincerely,
Gary L. Reasor, MD, FIPP