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AMGA Strongly Supports Passage of Medicare Prescription Drug Legislation

ALEXANDRIA, VA— The American Medical Group Association (AMGA) announced today its strong support for the Medicare prescription drug legislation that was agreed to by the Medicare conferees. The legislation, expected to go to the House and Senate floors later this week, provides senior citizens with a new prescription drug benefit, protects Medicare beneficiaries' access to physicians, and will offer new choices to senior citizens looking for the health plan that best suits their needs.

“After many years of waiting, it’s time to pass prescription drug legislation, and the AMGA strongly supports the prescription drug bill agreed to by the Medicare conferees,” said AMGA President and CEO Donald W. Fisher, Ph.D. “On behalf of its medical group members and the patients they serve, AMGA has been working with federal and state agencies to find solutions to the economic challenges facing senior citizens as they seek safe, effective health care. This legislation provides a new prescription drug benefit for our nation’s senior citizens and addresses issues that could have negatively impacted on senior citizens’ ability to choose the physician of their choice. It’s imperative that the Congress pass this legislation before they head home for Thanksgiving.”

AMGA is an association that represents medical groups, including some of the nation’s largest, most prestigious integrated health care delivery systems. AMGA advocates for the multispecialty group practice model of health care delivery and for the patients served by medical groups through innovation and information sharing, benchmarking, and continuous striving to improve patient care. The members of AMGA deliver health care to more than 50 million patients in 40 states, including 15 million capitated lives. Headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, AMGA is the strategic partner for medical groups providing a comprehensive package of benefits, including political advocacy, educational and networking programs and publications, benchmarking data services, and financial and operations assistance.

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