



November 28, 2018

Members of the New York State Legislature  
Legislative Office Building  
Albany, New York 12247 and 12248

Dear Honorable Members:

I write on behalf of the Home Care Association of New York State (HCA), our providers, health plans, professional health leaders, and the more than 500,000 patients and families we serve across the state, as we prepare for our upcoming work with you in the 2019 state legislative and budget session.

I thank all current legislative members for the strong and steadfast support you've given to home care recipients in your districts, including support for our member organizations that provide this service. I look forward to further working together, and I also look forward to meeting with incoming legislative members as we approach a new policy year. HCA is eager to be your resource for technical assistance and proposals to shape effective state health policy.

To reinforce this role, our organization is planning a January 8 informational session on home care, hospice and managed long term care for all legislative staff. This program – in Hearing Room A of the Legislative Office Building from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – will provide background on these services, how your constituents can access them, challenges they may face, ways that providers and partners work together to provide services, and some issues in the state policy arena. Please encourage your staff to save the date, and look for more information soon.

The need for care at home and our state's reliance on these services continue to grow with changing demographics, advances in medical practice and technology, and with the understanding that home care/hospice services save dollars and improve quality. The organizations providing these services will need your strong support in our state policies and budget considerations. We look forward to providing you with concrete ideas to help support your constituents in need of this care, and to help meet state public health goals.

Home care, hospice and managed long term care plans are core to the health system in all settings and in all regions of the state. The extraordinarily committed individuals in this field carry out vital health and support roles for patients across the entire spectrum of care – from pregnancy and newborn care, to post-acute recovery care, to chronic disease management, and palliative or end-of-life care.

New York has long been respected as the nation's pioneer and innovator in home and community based health care, and HCA's state professionals, Board of Directors and affiliates are national leaders in this work. We look forward to assisting you.

This past month, you may have seen our recent outreach to your offices in celebration of National Home Care Month, a commemoration that continues into December. Now, and

throughout the year, we are delighted to assist your offices in building on this celebration by connecting you with local resources or agency leaders and community health professionals on home care and hospice, arranging home visits to meet your constituents receiving home care and hospice, or media opportunities.

Thank you and best wishes to you, your staff and families as we approach the coming holidays.

We look forward to the upcoming service and policy opportunities together.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO

cc: HCA Board of Directors