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March 20, 2015

The Honorable Charles W. Boustany, Jr. MD  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1431 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-1803

Dear Representative Boustany:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I want to thank you for reintroducing H.R. 775, the Medicare Access to Rehabilitation Services Act of 2015, which would repeal the caps on Medicare outpatient rehabilitation physical therapy services and speech-language pathology services.

Congress has recognized the necessity for flexibility in these services by acting 12 times to prevent the implementation of this cap. It makes sense to eliminate the cap to protect Medicare beneficiaries from arbitrary limits on outpatient physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language pathology services that are often needed to recover from debilitating illnesses or injuries.

The NRLN appreciates the time that Melissa Gierach spent with Bob Martina, NRLN Vice President – Grassroots to brief him about H.R. 775. She explained that the current appeals process expires on March 31st. If the therapy cap is not repealed as HR 775 would do, or at the very least the appeals process to go beyond the cap is extended, then the cap will revert to a hard cap of \$1,940 max, no exception.

The NRLN has issued an “Action Alert” to its members asking them to send letters to their Representative and Senators to urge them to support the passage of the Medicare Access to Rehabilitation Services Act of 2015. If there is anything else the NRLN can do help gain the passage of H.R. 775, please contact me or Marta Bascom, the NRLN’s Executive Director in Washington, DC at 703-863-9611 or [executivedirector@nrln.org](mailto:executivedirector@nrln.org).

The NRLN’s full Legislative Agenda and detailed whitepapers can be found at [www.nrln.org](http://www.nrln.org). Your consideration on these issues would also be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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