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November 1, 2021

The Honorable Anna Eshoo, Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Health
U.S. House of Representatives
272 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0518

Dear Chairwoman Eshoo:

On behalf of the more than 2 million retirees and future retirees represented by the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I am requesting that you call for a vote in the Subcommittee on Health on **H.R.1956, Increasing Access to Quality Cardiac Rehabilitation Care Act of 2021.**

Currently, only physicians are authorized to order and supervise cardiac or pulmonary rehabilitation for Medicare patients. This restriction can create unnecessary obstacles, delays, and paperwork before patients can receive the rehabilitation services that are needed on a timely basis. This makes it difficult for programs to operate in areas where physicians are scarce.

H.R.1956 would expand and expedite access to cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation services by authorizing physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to order cardiac rehabilitation and pulmonary rehabilitation under Medicare and begin supervising this care in 2022.

If you would like to learn more about why the NRLN supports **H.R.1956**, please contact me or Alyson Parker, NRLN Executive Director, on her cell phone at 813-545-6792 or executivedirector@nrln.org.

Sincerely,

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