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November 1, 2021

The Honorable Brett Guthrie, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Health
U.S. House of Representatives
2434 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-1702

Dear Representative Guthrie:

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 support calling 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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