

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

The following coalitions members of the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions support the *Employee Access to Worksite Health Services Act* (H.R. 7487) to update Internal Revenue Code so that worksite health centers can provide employees convenient and affordable access to care.

The National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions (National Alliance) is the only nonprofit, purchaser-led organization with a national and regional structure dedicated to driving health and health care value across the country. Its members represent private and public sector, nonprofit and Taft-Hartley organizations, and more than 45 million Americans, spending over \$300 billion annually on health care.

Worksite health centers have proven to be the first point of access for many patients' health care needs. However, for approximately half of the workforce who have a high-deductible health plan (HDHP) paired with a Health Savings Account (HSA), these patients must be charged the "fair market" rate for their health care services if they have not yet reached their deductible. This is especially problematic given that patients enrolled in other types of health plans are usually offered free or heavily discounted rates at worksite health centers.

This legislation would allow those with HSAs to access worksite clinics under the same cost structure as those not in a qualified HDHP, without first being required to meet their annual deductible. The *Employee Access to Worksite Health Services Act* (H.R. 7487) will promote health care access, allow convenience for patients to book appointments that best fit their schedule, and lower their health care costs as they seek medical attention rather than putting off care, that in the end could lead to more costly health care services.

We, the following National Alliance members, enthusiastically support this legislation as we believe it will increase worksite health center utilization, overall improving health care and patient lives.