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NABIP Raises Concerns About CMS Decision to End Part D Premium Stabilization Demonstration

Washington, D.C. — The National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals (NABIP) today expressed concern over the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) decision to discontinue the Medicare Part D Premium Stabilization Demonstration, warning that the move adds another layer of uncertainty to an already strained stand-alone Medicare Part D market and could increase costs for some beneficiaries in 2027.

NABIP believes Medicare beneficiaries should continue to have meaningful choices in how they receive their Medicare coverage, including the option to pair Original Medicare with a stand-alone Part D prescription drug plan.

"Medicare beneficiaries deserve stable, affordable coverage options that meet their healthcare needs," said Mychal Walker, president of NABIP. "We are concerned that continued financial pressure on the stand-alone Part D market could result in higher costs and fewer plan options, making Original Medicare a less attractive choice for some Americans. Beneficiaries should never feel forced into a different coverage option because other options have become less affordable or less available."

NABIP also noted that only a handful of carriers remain in the stand-alone Part D market, leaving consumers with fewer choices than at any point since the program was first introduced. Continued challenges in both the stand-alone Part D and Medicare Supplement markets could further reduce coverage options for beneficiaries who prefer Original Medicare.

Licensed insurance agents and brokers will continue to play a vital role in helping beneficiaries understand the 2027 changes, compare plan options, evaluate prescription drug coverage, and make informed decisions based on their individual healthcare needs.

"NABIP members are trusted advisors who help Medicare beneficiaries navigate an increasingly complex marketplace," Walker added. "Their expertise will be more important than ever as beneficiaries evaluate their coverage options for 2027."

NABIP will continue working with CMS, Congress, and other policymakers to support the long-term sustainability of the stand-alone Part D market while protecting beneficiary access to affordable coverage, meaningful plan choice, and trusted professional guidance. These priorities align with NABIP's [Healthcare Bill of Rights](#), which advocates for affordable healthcare coverage, meaningful consumer choice, and access to licensed insurance professionals.

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