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Mehmet Oz, MD, MBA
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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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Dear Dr. Oz,

Thank you for your leadership as the 17th Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). We look forward to your vision to modernize Medicare, “Empowering the American People with personalized solutions [so]they can better manage their health and navigate the complex health care system.”

On behalf of the American Medical Women’s Association (AMWA), I am also reaching out to thank you for your past leadership in addressing obesity as a chronic disease. This is an area of advocacy for AMWA, particularly for its impact on cardiovascular health, the number one cause of mortality in women.

We were particularly hopeful when Medicare’s proposed ruling in 2024 addressed access to effective medications to address obesity - and disappointed to see that rule not move forward.

Coverage of these medications will be key to addressing the obesity epidemic and giving Medicare patients the tools they need to optimize their health. Last year, we had led a group of [40 organizations focused on women’s health or lead by women leaders](#) to advocate for the Treat and Reduce Obesity Act (H.R.4818, S.2407).

We hope that your office will help enact policies that will allow patients this access, so that as physicians, we can address obesity as we do other chronic diseases.. Ensuring access to both preventive and medical treatment strategies is essential to fostering healthier communities nationwide.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to public health. I look forward to opportunities for collaboration in advancing the health of women.

Sincerely,

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