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The Honorable Brian Patrick Kennedy, Co-Chair
The Honorable Kevin Petersen, Co-Chair
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RE: BCBSA Comments on proposed New Resolution on Health Savings Accounts

Dear Speaker Pro Tempore Kennedy and Chairman Petersen:

The Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the New Resolution on Health Savings Accounts (HSA) currently before the National Conference of State Legislatures’ (NCSL) Task Force on Insurance, specifically as it relates to preventive benefits and coverage of Medicare beneficiaries.

BCBSA supports allowing health savings account-eligible high deductible health plans (HDHPs) to cover additional preventive services for the treatment of chronic conditions before the deductible. Allowing for this expanded pre-deductible coverage in HSA-eligible HDHPs will expand access and improve patient compliance by removing preventive care barriers for persons with chronic conditions. This additional flexibility will yield significant benefits to patients, employers and payers alike, including improved health, enhanced workplace productivity and the avoidance of unnecessary emergency care visits and hospitalizations.

We appreciate your consideration of our comments. If you have any questions or want additional information, please contact Mike Lyle at Michael.Lyle@bcbsa.com.

Sincerely,

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