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RE: Statement of Support for the Four Cornerstones of Value-Driven Health Care

Dear Mr. Lorentzen:

On behalf of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), I write in support of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services "Four Cornerstones of Value-Driven Health Care" proposal. I also write to offer the assistance of CSAC in obtaining the worthy objectives contained in your effort.

The "Four Cornerstones of Value-Driven Health Care" are, in significant part: (1) Support for health information technology, (2) provide quality information, (3) provide pricing information, and (4) promote quality and efficiency of care. In combination, these principles support quality consumer information regarding comparative pricing and quality of service. We look forward to assisting in your implementation efforts.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Steve Keil, CSAC Director of Legislative Services, at (916) 327-7500 ext. 521.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank Bigelow".

Frank Bigelow  
Madera County Supervisor  
CSAC President