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Alliance to Fight for Health Care Applauds Bipartisan Introduction of the Site-based Invoicing and Transparency Enhancement (SITE) Act

The **Alliance to Fight for Health Care**, a diverse coalition comprised of businesses, patient advocates, employer organizations, unions, health care companies, consumer groups and other stakeholders that support employer-provided health coverage, today applauds Senators Maggie Hassan (D-NH) and Mike Braun (R-IN) for the bipartisan introduction of the Site-based Invoicing and Transparency Enhancement (SITE) Act, which aims to ensure fair billing practices for care furnished by off-campus hospital outpatient departments (HOPDs).

This bill helps lower costs for Medicare and seniors on Medicare by ensuring services that can safely be provided in off-campus facilities are reimbursed fairly. Congress enacted bipartisan legislation in 2015 that corrected payment disparities between HOPDs and physician offices for some providers, and the SITE Act expands the bipartisan provision first enacted in 2015. The legislation also increases transparency into hospital billing practices by requiring off-campus HOPDs to use a unique health identifier when filing claims.

“Site-neutral payment policies are based on the idea that patients, employers, and other payers should not pay more for care simply because their physician’s office has been purchased by a hospital,” said **James A. Klein**, president of the **American Benefits Council**. “Bipartisan efforts to improve health care price transparency will help ensure that patients and payers are not overpaying for care.”

The **Alliance to Fight for Health Care** is a diverse coalition comprised of businesses, patient advocates, employer organizations, unions, health care companies, consumer groups and other stakeholders that support employer-provided health coverage. Together, we are working to ensure that employer-provided coverage remains an effective and affordable option for working Americans and their families. The coalition (previously working as the **Alliance to Fight the 40**), led the successful effort to repeal the so-called 40% “Cadillac Tax” on health care coverage.

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