



03/18/2026

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: RI Senate Bill 2425

This written testimony is in support of the above-mentioned bill which seeks to address some concerns about Medicare Advantage plans by asking US Congress to “TO PROTECT PATIENTS AND TRADITIONAL MEDICARE FROM MEDICARE ADVANTAGE”

The American College of Physicians’ (ACP) position on Medicare Advantage plans was stated in a letter to Administrator Mehmet Oz, in January 2026. In the letter, the College emphasized the importance of accurate risk adjustment in payment adequacy, while also not implementing additional burdensome documentation or encounter requirements.

RI Chapter of ACP hereby supports the Senate bill 7430 which seeks to increase the much-needed transparency and the initiation of steps which will promote program integrity and protection of beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans. The adequacy of access through the broadening of Physician networks is of critical importance. This bill also seeks to address the increasing administrative burdens for Physicians, notably prior authorizations.

The need for greater financial oversight to ensure the sustainability of Medicare Advantage plans requires frequent and thorough financial audits of current operations.

ACP is confident that implementing these changes as proposed in the bill would strengthen improve access to affordable care for Medicare patients, and support physicians in delivering quality, innovative care while protecting the integrity of the Medicare trust funds.

The RI Chapter of the American College of Physicians hereby declares its wholehearted support for this bill which seeks to enhance the attainment of CMS set goals for the Medicare Advantage plans.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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02/21/2026

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: RI Senate Bill 2379

This written testimony is in support of the above-mentioned bill which already has the support of RI Department of Health. The position of the American College of Physicians on vaccines, and its collaboration with the Vaccine Integrity Project is in response to growing concerns over vaccine misinformation, declining public trust in science, and recent outbreaks of preventable diseases. A coalition of 34 scientific and medical organizations, led by the American Association of Immunologists (AAI) and the American College of Physicians (ACP), issued a unified statement emphasizing the critical role of vaccinations in public health:

“We strongly support vaccination as a cornerstone of public health, a shining example of the power of scientific research, and a vital tool in the fight against preventable diseases,” the statement asserts. “We urge everyone to adhere to recommended vaccination schedules to protect themselves, their families, and their communities.”

The RI Chapter of the American College of Physicians hereby declares its wholehearted support for this bill as it seeks to address the potential negative consequences of the disinformation about the importance of vaccines and of public health.

Thank you for your attention to RI Senate Bill 2379.

Sincerely,

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