

From: Dr. Tracy

Date: Fri, May 29, 2020 at 9:22 AM

Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: many thanks for all your time and input

Here is Dr. Stevens, Medical Director FCSO, response to my email. Our relationship with Dr. Corcoran over the years has taught us to develop a proactive, relationship with the policy team, having direct access is a great thing. I have learned that Dr. Stevens is very caring and approachable. She is a blessed advocate of patient care.

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From: Stevens, Leslie

Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 8:57 AM

To: 'Dr. Tracy'; 'Creamer DO, Michael'

Cc: Oglesby, Valencia

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Hi Dr. Tracy,

Please know that it would never be the intent of any of the CMD's to write a policy to address the costs of certain procedure/interventions.

We are charged by CMS with reviewing the literature with SME's and CAC members to determine whether the procedure/intervention/treatment proposed improves health outcomes in the Medicare population - period.

You are correct, there are many practices in our current healthcare model that are draining our beneficiary trust fund. Unfortunately, and quite sadly, there are also some unscrupulous providers. Rest assured though, that our focus when writing any policy is to make sure the evidence supports whatever the intervention may be in improving health outcomes for our Medicare beneficiaries.

My 19 year clinical career before coming to the MAC was in the care of elderly patients through hospice and palliative care. Maintaining the elderly's function and quality of life are of paramount importance to me.

Keep up the great work!

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