

August 8, 2016

Representative Rob Bishop  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Radiologist Assistant (RA) Legislation

Dear Representative Bishop,

On behalf of Mountain Medical Physician Specialists, this letter will serve to ask for your support of H.R. 4614 by becoming a cosponsor.

H.R. 4614 is common-sense legislation which will amend the Medicare statute to recognize the RA as a non-physician provider under Medicare. Under the bill, state law would govern scope of practice and physician supervision levels for procedures performed by RAs. This would enable Medicare to become more efficient and will help to ensure patients have access to care provided by qualified health care personnel. Utah is one of the thirty states that currently license and recognize the RA profession.

Unfortunately, the Medicare program currently does not recognize the RA profession and imposes the same supervision requirements on RAs which is applied to technologists who have not satisfied the same rigorous education and training standards. This promotes inefficiencies in health care delivery and ignores potential cost savings.

Mountain Medical Physician Specialists has had RAs working at our partner hospitals for over 14 years. We are the largest radiology group in Utah, with 70 radiologists, 6 vascular surgeons, 11 physician assistants and 8 nurse practitioners. We provide a wide range of diagnostic and interventional radiology services at two imaging centers in Salt Lake City and Ogden, Intermountain Health Care and IASIS facilities in northern and central Utah. As a group we fully support the role of the Radiologist Assistant.

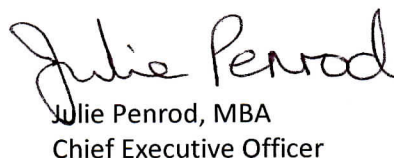
Thank you for your continued support and efforts regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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Board Member

  
Kenneth Nowers, MD  
Board Member

  
Scott Kendall, MD  
Board Member

  
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