



June 28, 2018

Rep. Darin LaHood
1424 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman LaHood,

Thank you for agreeing to introduce legislation to restructure the offset used in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 (H.R. 1892) for extension of the Medicare ambulance add-ons.

As the largest private ambulance provider in Illinois, we support the revised targeted offset proposed in your legislation which includes a larger rate reduction for providers who provide a higher volume of scheduled, repetitive, ESRD transports. The cost to perform these types of transports is lower due to their prescheduled nature during the hours of 8-6; therefore, this revised offset is warranted.

Our company predominately provides emergency and urgent nonemergency ambulance transports, therefore, staffing 24/7 is necessary. Each day Superior transports over 1000 patients with only 10 patients each day transported to/from dialysis centers for treatment. It would be unfair and detrimental for our company (and similarly situated providers) to endure an unnecessary rate reduction for these medically necessary transports without any economy of scale or lower costs.

We have previously discussed two Government Accountability Office (GAO) studies report that Medicare does not reimburse ambulance service providers for the cost of providing this important service, therefore, having a targeted rate reduction is important.

Thank you for your support and leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David B Hill III", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

David B Hill III
President/CEO