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Honorable Bill Cassidy, M.D.
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Health,
Education, Labor, and Pensions
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

*Re: Request for a Cost Estimate for the Primary Care and Health
Workforce Expansion Act*

Dear Senator:

I am responding to your letter requesting a cost estimate for the Primary Care and Health Workforce Expansion Act. I understand that having an estimate ahead of the Committee's markup of the legislation is important to you and Members of the Committee as you consider this bill.

CBO received the legislation on July 19, 2023, and agency staff members are currently reviewing it. The legislation's provisions are complex, and analyzing them—and the interactions among them—will take many weeks. Particular provisions that you noted, such as those establishing requirements for an electronic prior authorization program in the group and individual health care markets and those prohibiting the use of noncompete agreements for most employees, will require extensive analysis. We will share estimates of individual provisions as they are available.

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I hope this information is helpful to you. I will keep you apprised of our progress and will work to provide information as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Phillip L. Swagel", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Phillip L. Swagel
Director

cc: Honorable Bernie Sanders
Chairman
Senate Committee on Health,
Education, Labor, and Pensions