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Dear Reps. Trahan and Miller-Meeks:

On behalf of the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions (SCAI) and the patients and families we serve, we write in strong support of the "Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act" (H.R. 4758/S.2372). Thank you for your leadership in introducing this important and bipartisan legislation that currently has over 120 co-sponsors. As you know, this bill would improve access to care for children enrolled in Medicaid including care provided by interventional cardiologists.

Across the United States there is currently a shortage of medical specialists including cardiologists. [A recent study](#) found that 46.3% of counties (86.2% of those are rural counties) don't have a single cardiologist in them. 10% of counties have only a single cardiologist. For interventional cardiologists those numbers are even lower. Counties that have a cardiologist in them patients have to travel 16 miles round trip. In counties without a cardiologist in them that number jumps up to 87 miles round trip.

We need to make it easier for patients to access the care they need. The Accelerating Kid's Access to Care Act does this by making it easier for children to receive care from interventional cardiologists, physicians and other health care providers outside of their home state. H.R. 4758/S. 2372 seeks to simplify the Medicaid out-of-state provider enrollment process and allows them to see a physician outside of their home state where one might not be available. It would remove barriers to care in scenarios in which the out-of-state physician or health care provider must first be screened and enrolled in the child's home state Medicaid program, despite already being enrolled within their own state's Medicaid program.

The Accelerating Kid's Access to Care Act will create a national enrollment pathway to help alleviate the administrative burden on interventional cardiologists and other health care providers while ensuring that children are able to receive out-of-state care when they need it. We are very pleased to support this legislation. Thank you for championing the Accelerating Kid's Access to Care Act.

We look forward to working with you to advance this measure through the legislative process. Let us know how we can be of assistance to you in the future.

Sincerely,



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