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To whom it may concern at Medicare,

If someone you loved had type 1 diabetes, I bet my last dollar that you would do everything in your power to get your child, wife, brother, mother, father, etc. the best tools to help your loved one live a long and healthy life, including a continuous glucose monitor. How callous, hypocritical, ignorant and misplaced you are in denying elderly and disabled individuals with type 1 diabetes a device that can be life saving and is now the standard of care provided to any person with type 1 diabetes by the vast majority of health insurance plans.

As a person living with type 1 diabetes for the past 45 years and a professor of medicine in the division of endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism, I know first hand how valuable this technology is and how it can prevent death and allows for better glycemic control in a safer manner.

I know you probably have received thousands of letters regarding this issue and it seems you have been ignoring them. Your continued denial is not only egregious but just plain wrong and frankly criminal. I will offer my time and expertise pro bono to any law firm that decides to sue Medicare regarding this issue. I have nothing but disdain towards your department as it is has blood on its hands and is disserving the American people.

Regretfully,

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