Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS-5528-IFC, P.O. Box 8013, Baltimore, MD 21244-8013.

To whom it may concern,

I appreciate CMS' recognition of the need to curb the cost of medications, however the Most Favored Nation model will sacrifice provider's treatment options and patient care in the name of cost savings. This model is detrimental to patients and nation's health, particularly as we continue to face a public health emergency.

As a patient, I write to express my strong concerns regarding the Most Favored Nation (MFN) Interim Final Rule with comment (IFC) as published in the Federal Register on November 27, 2020. I am concerned that the Most Favored Nation policy as outlined will be detrimental to my healthcare.

This mandatory model significantly reduces the ability for my provider to treat me with critical drugs. Patients like me will be forced to try a less effective medication or be forced to forgo treatment altogether. Patients suffering from rheumatic diseases need their treatment to lead a productive life without suffering and shouldn't come at the expense of allowing patients to access the medicines they need to maintain their quality of life. I urge CMS to rescind this Interim Final Rule and work with the entire healthcare community to identify policies that will rein in healthcare spending on medications without sacrificing patient care.

Sincerely,

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