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Dear Colleagues:

I am very pleased to announce that Dr. Emeka Egwim has been selected as the Director of the Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) within the Office of Special Health Initiatives (OSHI) in the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

Dr. Egwim earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2011 from Howard University College of Pharmacy in Washington DC. His career in public service began in OPA in 2011. In this role, he worked on the 340B Drug Pricing Program, and the Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Services Collaborative (PSPC) aimed at improving the quality of care and addressing costs for patients with complex conditions.

Dr. Egwim later served as a Pharmacist in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Division of Pharmacy, and was called to active duty in the United States Public Health Service in 2014. For six years in this capacity, Dr. Egwim provided policy and clinical expertise in the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program (MDRP), which generates over \$35 billion annually in cost savings for more than 80 million Medicaid beneficiaries.

Most recently Dr. Egwim served as a Senior Policy Analyst in HRSA's HIV/AIDS Bureau, where he focused on developing and implementing policies and initiatives in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program. These efforts facilitated access to comprehensive treatment and support services for individuals and communities impacted by HIV across the nation, including strategies to help patients stay in care.

As we welcome and congratulate Dr. Egwim, I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to Michelle Herzog for her exceptional leadership over the past several months for serving as the Acting Director of OPA and for her continued role as the Deputy Director of OPA.

Thank you for all you do to support the 340B Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Krista M. Pedley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Krista" being the most prominent.

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