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**APAPO STATEMENT OF SUPPORT  
FOR THE COALITION FOR PATIENTS' RIGHTS**

The American Psychological Association Practice Organization is pleased to be a member of the Coalition for Patients' Rights (CPR) which was established to ensure that the growing needs of the American health system can be met and that patients have access to quality health care providers of their choice.

The CPR is a national coalition comprised of more than 35 organizations representing more than three million licensed health care professionals who provide a diverse array of safe, effective health care services, specialized training and personalized care. The coalition includes professional organizations representing psychologists, nurses, physical therapists, chiropractors and many other providers other than MDs and DOs.

The American Psychological Association Practice Organization is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association, the largest scientific and professional organization representing psychology in the United States. APA's membership includes more than 148,000 researchers, educators, clinicians, consultants and students. Through its 54 divisions in subfields of psychology, including psychopharmacology, and its affiliations with 60 state, provincial and territorial psychological associations, APA works to advance psychology as a science, as a profession, and as a means of promoting health and human welfare.

The coalition was established in 2006 in response to divisive efforts by the American Medical Association (AMA) and other groups representing organized medicine to limit patients' access to the full scope of appropriate, necessary and quality health care services provided by all legally authorized health care professionals of their choice. The coalition is committed to maintaining the broadest range of provider choices for all patients.

APAPO recognizes that with increasing demands on the U.S. health care system, health care professions should be working together to ensure that those demands are met. Therefore, APAPO is pleased to support the ongoing efforts of CPR to protect the rights of patients to access quality health care services and to seek care from the health care providers of their choice.

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