



**The National Business Group on Health
Statement for the Record
House Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Health
Hearing on “Examining the United States Preventive Services Task Force”**

Chairman Pitts, Ranking Member Greene and members of the Subcommittee, thank you for the opportunity to submit a statement for the record on the large employers’ perspective on the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) A and B-recommended services and the requirement that group and individual health plans cover them without cost-sharing.

The National Business Group on Health represents approximately 415, primarily large, employers (including 69 of the Fortune 100) who voluntarily provide generous health benefits, including generous evidence-based preventive services, and other health programs to over 55 million American employees, retirees, and their families. We believe that health plans, government, and employer plans should have policies that speed adoption of evidence-based medical practices and reduce the use of unproven and/or ineffective treatments.

The National Business Group on Health strongly believes in increased transparency and opportunity for expanded public input on the USPSTF A and B-recommended services recommendations before they become coverage mandates for employer plans and insurance ,particularly in translating and implementing those recommendations into specific benefits and weighing additional, pertinent criteria beyond clinical evidence is necessary. Specifically, we recommend input from experts who have experience in translating medical literature into coverage, making and implementing coverage decisions, and related expertise, such as insurance, actuarial, employee benefits and health care strategy

The recommendations issued by the USPSTF are strictly clinical and are intended to provide guidance to clinicians. Therefore, translating and implementing those recommendations into specific benefits coverage requirements has frequently posed difficult issues for plans and other purchasers of health care. We believe that our recommendations would be a step towards addressing the challenges that employer plans and insurers face in implementing the USPSTF A and B recommendations. Medicare has a similar process to consider whether and how to translate USPSTF recommendations into specific coverage requirements that has worked well.

For more details on our positions and recommendations on USPSTF recommendations please visit our below links.

[Letter to HHS Secretary Recommending Options to Establish a Coverage Process for USPSTF A and B Recommendations](#)

[Policy Options for Processes to Determine Coverage Guidelines for the United States Preventive Services Task Force \(USPSTF\) Recommendations](#)