



## Price and Quality Transparency: Empowering Consumers

# Clear Choices Membership

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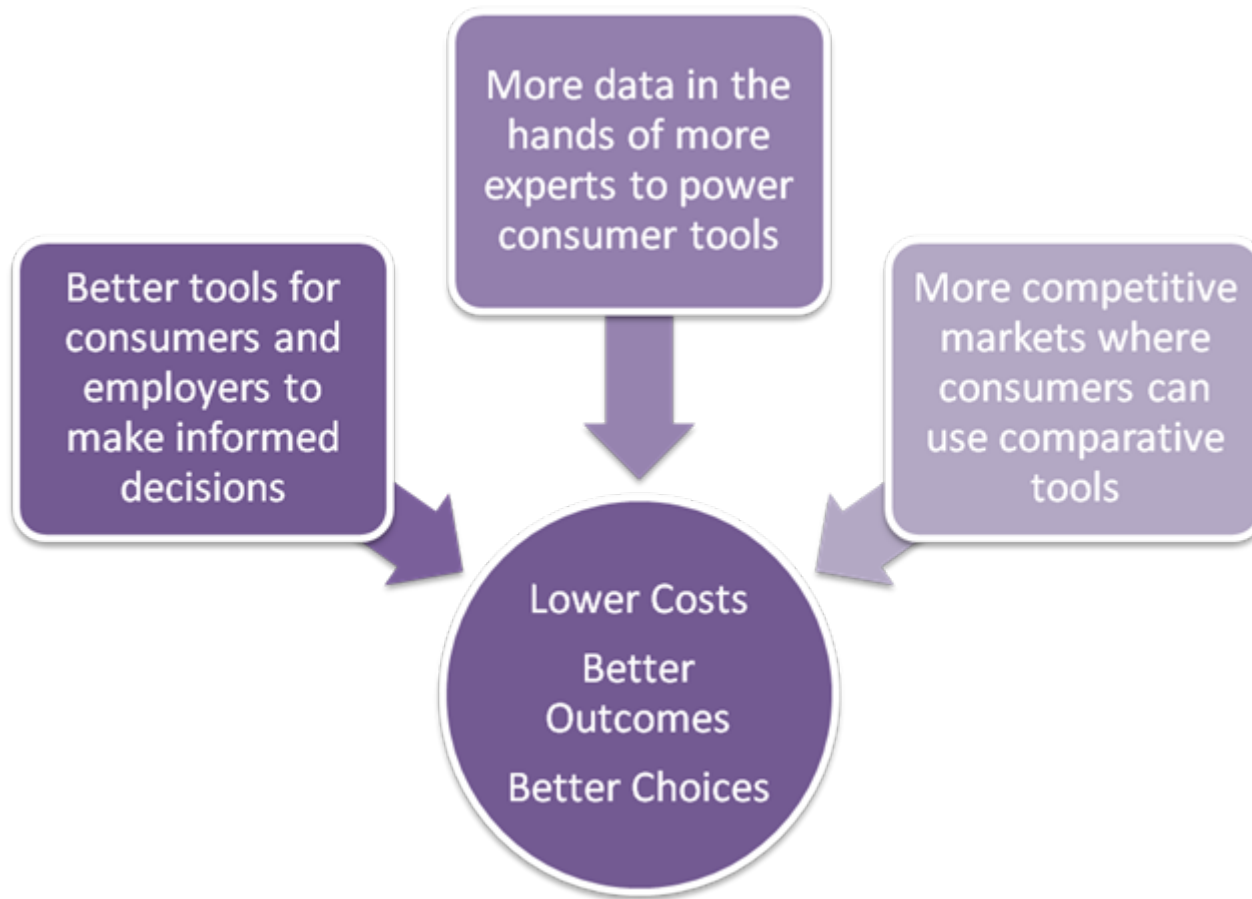
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# Campaign Themes

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*We support bipartisan, constructive, and practical solutions that will benefit the operation of efficient markets while improving consumer welfare. Consumers have a right to know what they are buying.*



# Expanding Access to Data

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March 11, 2015

The Honorable Orrin Hatch  
Chairman  
Finance Committee  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Paul Ryan  
Chairman  
Ways and Means Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Fred Upton  
Chairman  
Energy and Commerce Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Hatch, Ranking Member Wyden, Chairman Ryan, Ranking Member Levin,  
Chairman Upton, and Ranking Member Pallone:

“ We write in strong support of legislative language to amend the Qualified Entity (QE) statute to allow for broader sharing of Medicare data and ask that the language be included in any Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) reform or fix legislation. We believe adjusting the QE statute will improve health care quality and reduce cost through increased transparency...”

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
Ranking Member  
Finance Committee  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sandy Levin  
Ranking Member  
Ways and Means Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.  
Ranking Member  
Energy and Commerce Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Sincerely,

AARP  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Nursing  
American Association of Birth Centers  
ASC Association  
athena health  
CalPERS  
Center for Improving Value in Health Care  
Common Table Health Alliance  
Council for Affordable Health Coverage  
Greater Detroit Area Health Council  
HealthBridge  
Health Collaborative  
HealthInsight  
Health IT Now  
Insurance, Benefits & Advisors, LLC  
Maine Health Management Coalition  
Marshfield Clinic Health System  
Midwest Business Group on Health  
MN Community Measurement  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Coalition on Health Care  
National Consumers League  
National Retail Federation  
National Physicians Alliance  
Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement  
Oregon Health Care Quality Corporation  
Pacific Business Group on Health  
Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative  
St. Louis Area Business Health Coalition  
ThedaCare Center for Healthcare Value  
Virginia Health Information  
Washington Health Alliance  
Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality  
Wisconsin Health Information Organization  
Wisconsin Hospital Association  
Wisconsin Medical Society