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Dear Ms. De Parle:

The American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine (ACP-ASIM), representing over 115,000 physicians who specialize in internal medicine and medical students, wishes to commend the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) for its successful effort in assuring a smooth transition to Year 2000 (Y2K) claims payment systems for physicians. We are fully aware of the extensive preparations HCFA undertook to assure the readiness of its own internal and contractor claims payment systems, as well as its active outreach effort to help assure providers and their billing systems were also Y2K compliant.

Many of our members have reported that the Y2K claims payment changeover has gone precisely according to HCFA's plans, with carriers already beginning to pay claims rendered during the first 17 days of January 2000. Clearly, HCFA's intensive efforts to assure a trouble-free Y2K transition is now, quite literally, paying off. ACP-ASIM is delighted with the outcome, and wanted to express the deep appreciation of all our members for a job well done.

Sincerely,

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