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NHIA members share insight on home and specialty infusion on Capitol Hill

Alexandria, Va. (October 1, 2019) — Forty-six members of the [National Home Infusion Association](#) (NHIA) met with more than 70 Congressional offices today to discuss policy issues of importance to the home infusion industry.

NHIA members shared concerns about a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) proposed regulation that restricts patient access to cost-effective home infusion services. NHIA members also discussed the need to improve access to home infusion therapy for Part D-covered drugs and to protect home infusion patients from legislation that would impose unreasonable co-pays.

“Congress took the first step to improve access to home infusion when it enacted the 21st Century Cures Act,” said NHIA’s Vice President of Government Affairs Sharon Pearce. “With our members, NHIA is fighting to finish the job by requiring CMS to properly implement that law, and to promote other policies that increase beneficiary access to these life-saving therapies.”

“For more than 30 years, home and specialty infusion providers have been safely and effectively coordinating and delivering intravenous and subcutaneous infused medications in patients’ homes, to assist them in living healthy, independent lives,” said NHIA President & CEO Connie Sullivan, BSPHarm. “It’s important that legislators hear from our members serving patients in the home and specialty infusion industry, to share our insight and experience on how policies like CMS’ proposed home health payment rule impact our ability to provide the best quality, affordable care.”

To learn more about NHIA’s advocacy efforts, visit http://www.nhia.org/Part_B_Reimbursement/index.html.

NHIA is a trade association that represents companies that provide infusion therapy to patients in their homes, as well as companies that manufacture and supply infusion and specialty pharmacy products. Infusion therapy involves patient-specific compounded medications, supplies, and a range of pharmacy, nursing, and other clinical services for delivering care to patients in the home setting. For more information, visit www.nhia.org.

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