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NHIA applauds Senator Isakson for leadership on home infusion

Alexandria, Va. (November 3, 2019) — The [National Home Infusion Association](http://www.nhia.org) (NHIA) expresses gratitude and well wishes to Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-GA) for his long-standing leadership and support of home infusion as he prepares for retirement.

Among his many accomplishments on home infusion issues, Sen. Isakson was a lead sponsor of the *Medicare Home Infusion Site of Care Act of 2015*, which was designed to maintain Medicare beneficiary access to Part B home infused medications by establishing coverage for professional pharmacy services. A version of this legislation was eventually included in the *21st Century Cures Act*.

Sen. Isakson was also a lead sponsor of the *Medicare Home Infusion Therapy Access Act of 2017*, which passed as part of the *Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018*, establishing a temporary transitional payment for home infusion therapy services under the Medicare program.

Following passage of those laws, Sen. Isakson has been instrumental in encouraging CMS to appropriately interpret the statute he authored, including penning letters to the agency urging them to expand reimbursement to reflect services that do not require face-to-face interactions with the patient.

“Sen. Isakson is a shining example of leadership on home infusion issues, and we thank him for his years of work on behalf of thousands of patients who have received infused medications in the comfort of their homes rather than more costly settings,” said NHIA’s President & CEO Connie Sullivan, BSPHarm.

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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