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NHIA awards Congressman Engel for leadership on home infusion policy

Alexandria, Va. (September 23, 2020) – The [National Home Infusion Association](#) (NHIA) has awarded Congressman Eliot Engel (D-NY) of New York’s 16th congressional district, for his leadership on home infusion coverage for Medicare patients.

NHIA provided Engel with the 2020 Congressional Leadership Lifetime Achievement Award for his longtime support and advocacy on behalf of patients in need of home infusion therapy services, during the association’s annual Future of Infusion Advisory Council (FIAC) meeting with industry leaders.

“For more than two decades, Congressman Engel has worked tirelessly to expand home infusion therapy coverage for Medicare beneficiaries. We are proud to honor him with this prestigious award in recognition of his distinguished career in promoting home infusion policies that help patients lead healthy, independent lives,” said NHIA President & CEO Connie Sullivan, BSPHarm.

During Engel’s career he has introduced several home infusion related pieces of legislation including the Medicare Home Health Payment Improvement Act of 1999, the Medicare Home Infusion Therapy Coverage Act of 2011, the Medicare Home Infusion Site of Care Act of 2015, and ultimately found success when home infusion provisions he authored were included in the 21st Century Cures Act and Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018.

In 2020, Engel introduced legislation directing the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to revisit their interpretation of “home infusion calendar day” outlined in the 21st Century Cures Act.

“For more than 20 years, I’ve advocated for Medicare to allow patients to receive their infused medication in the comfort of their own homes,” said Congressman Engel. “In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, now more than ever, it is important for Congress to ensure Medicare beneficiaries maintain access to home infusion therapy services. There is bipartisan support for home infusion therapy, and we know these services enable patients – especially seniors and those in vulnerable populations – to receive lifesaving care, safely in the comfort of their homes. I thank NHIA for this recognition and the work they do to advocate on behalf of vulnerable seniors.”



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. The association's mission is to provide advocacy, education, and resources to the home and specialty infusion community so the patients they serve can lead healthy, independent lives. 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 <http://www.nhia.org/>.

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