

October 31, 2022

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, Leader McConnell, and Leader McCarthy:

We, the signatories below representing 30 patient organizations, provider, nursing and pharmacy groups, and other stakeholders across the United States, write to urge you to pass the bipartisan, bicameral *Preserving Patient Access to Home Infusion Act* ([S. 2652/H.R. 5067](#)). Unfortunately, this **legislation is necessary to address a Medicare benefit that is failing patients requiring infusion therapy who should be treated in the home.**

For decades, home infusion therapy services have been a lifeline for millions of Americans by delivering lifesaving treatments to patients while reducing costs, infection risks, and unnecessary facility visits. Home infusion therapy has also broken down access barriers for those who cannot travel to receive care from a distance or time perspective.

Unfortunately, despite Congress's efforts to establish a dedicated Medicare home infusion therapy (HIT) benefit, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has implemented it in such a restrictive manner that is it failing to promote patient access. In fact, recent data released by CMS suggests that **less than 1,300 Medicare beneficiaries accessed the home infusion benefit each calendar quarter between Q1 2019 and Q1 2021**, a massive outlier compared to the estimated 3.2 million patients served annually by home infusion providers. Challenges related to implementation of Medicare's HIT benefit have also created issues in the Medicare Advantage (MA) market, as MA plans have begun to adopt this restrictive reimbursement structure.

Medicare recipients deserve equitable access to at-home services, including home infusion. In light of the recent closures of home infusion pharmacies, the limited number of home infusion providers enrolling to serve Medicare recipients, and the shockingly small population of Medicare beneficiaries receiving this at-home service, now is a critical time for Congress to fix this benefit and ensure all patients have fair access once and for all.

We urge you to support the *Preserving Patient Access to Home Infusion Act*, which would make vital improvements to this benefit to ensure Medicare beneficiaries have access to care at home that is consistent with trends in the commercial market. It is cost-effective for beneficiaries and taxpayers, reflects modern standards of care, and above all else, is the right thing to do for patients who depend on infusion treatment.

Sincerely,



CC: Chairman Ron Wyden, Senate Finance Committee
Ranking Member Mike Crapo, Senate Finance Committee
Chairman Richard Neal, House Ways & Means Committee
Ranking Member Kevin Brady, House Ways & Means Committee
Chairman Frank Pallone, House Energy & Commerce Committee
Ranking Member Cathy McMorris Rodgers, House Energy & Commerce Committee