




 Ensuring access to safe, cost-effective home infusion services for Medicare patients

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- ### Millions of patients rely on home infusion—but Medicare policy limits access for seniors
- Home infusion therapy allows patients with serious conditions (e.g., infections, cancer, immune disorders) to safely receive IV medications at home rather than in hospitals or skilled nursing facilities.
 - Despite its clinical value, **Medicare's current home infusion benefit is incomplete and fragmented**, and does not adequately support the professional services and pharmacy infrastructure necessary to create broad access.
 - **Medicare is an outlier** – nearly all other U.S. payors cover home infusion without requiring the use of an ambulatory pump; nor do they limit services payments to face-to-face encounters.

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- ### Gaps in Medicare coverage increase costs and reduce patient access
- Current policy creates **misaligned incentives**, pushing patients toward more expensive care settings like hospitals or outpatient facilities.
 - Patients unable to receive home infusion may experience:
 - Delays in treatment
 - Increased hospital or long-term care stays
 - Higher out-of-pocket costs and lost productivity
 - Long drives to an outpatient facility to receive infusions

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- ### Home-based care is a proven solution to high healthcare costs
- The U.S. healthcare system continues to struggle with rising costs and inefficient care delivery
 - Home infusion aligns with broader system goals by:
 - Reducing hospital utilization
 - Lowering total cost of care
 - Improving patient satisfaction and outcomes
 - Expanding access to home-based care reflects the same shift toward **more efficient, patient-centered delivery models** emphasized in national reforms.

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- ### Without legislative action, access disparities will worsen
- Vulnerable populations—including seniors, rural patients, and those with limited mobility—are disproportionately affected by gaps in home infusion access.
 - Like broader coverage gaps in healthcare, when access is limited:
 - Patients delay or forgo care
 - Costs shift elsewhere in the system






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- ### The Preserving Patient Access to Home Infusion Act **addresses these gaps:**
- Establish **sustainable reimbursement** for home infusion providers
 - Ensure coverage of **clinical services, pharmacy support, and care coordination**
 - Align Medicare policy with how home infusion is actually delivered
 - **Expand coverage to anti-infectives**



Legislative Action is Needed

To fulfill congressional intent and ensure Medicare beneficiaries have meaningful access to home infusion therapy, Congress must enact targeted reforms that address longstanding flaws in the structure and implementation of the Part B HIT benefit.

Specifically, the **Preserving Patient Access to Home Infusion Act** would:

-  Require reasonable payment for services that reflects the full range of HIT professional services, regardless of whether a skilled professional is physically present in the home;
-  Expand coverage to include all IV anti-infective drugs, **removing the outdated “pump requirement”** and allow Medicare patients to receive the same home-based antibiotic treatments already widely covered in the commercial market;
-  Establish a five-year transitional payment policy, giving providers the predictability and stability needed to enroll in the program and serve more patients;
-  Bundle disposable supplies into the services payment, effectively linking the drug and services benefits and establishing CBO-scorable savings; and
-  Allow nurse practitioners and physician assistants to sign the home infusion plan of care — consistent with their authority for other home-based services as authorized by the bipartisan CARES Act.



NHIA is working closely with Congress and CBO to ensure the legislation is fiscally responsible, with provisions expected to generate savings by shifting care away from higher-cost institutional settings and into the home.



Conclusion

The healthcare system is increasingly focused on **delivering the right care in the right place at the right time**. Just as broader reforms have aimed to expand access, reduce costs, and improve outcomes, the Preserving Patient Access to Home Infusion Act is a targeted solution to ensure Medicare beneficiaries can access essential therapies at home.

Without action, gaps in coverage will continue to limit access, increase costs, and worsen disparities. With it, policymakers can support a more efficient, patient-centered healthcare system.