



To Our Elected Representatives in the US Congress
~HELP US SAVE HOME HEALTH~

We, the undersigned patients, providers and supporters of home health care, as citizens in favor of health care reform and lowering the cost of care, urge that you do all within your power to pass reform without damaging cuts to home health services.

We ask that you educate yourself on the cost-effectiveness of home health and take action so that people can receive care in a setting that they prefer: in their homes.

Home health is part of the solution to save taxpayer dollars by keeping patients out of institutional care. Cuts will force patients into inpatient facilities at a much higher cost and will put thousands out of work.

At a time when there is a healthcare workforce shortage and an increasing proportion of the aging population, cutting \$56.8 billion in Medicare payments over 10 years is not an answer.

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We support the president in his desire to bring the benefit of health care coverage to all Americans, but it must not be accomplished on the backs of the homebound elderly who are so sick with multiple complex medical problems.

~Val J. Halamandaris President National Association for Home Care & Hospice, New York Times, March 2, 2009