

SAVE HOME HEALTH!

**Stop
the
Cuts!**

Sign the Petition!

As health care reform stands at the forefront of the country's political agenda, citizens who have never contacted their federal representatives have spoken up at town hall-style meetings and written letters to congress and newspapers. They have raised their voices because they are concerned for the future of health care in America.



Although that future is uncertain, the need and desire for change is present. Several legislative committees have their own versions, or drafts, of a health care reform bill, all of which will eventually be filtered into one final piece that Congress will vote on and the President may sign into law.

Rumors have circulated over what is included in the different versions from each committee, but while many of those are false or disputable, one fact remains: *Home health care is in danger.*

Congress is proposing \$56.8 billion in cuts from the Medicare home health benefit over the next 10 years. Home health represents 4.5 percent of the overall Medicare budget, but accounts for 11 percent of the proposed cuts.

Nearly one million Americans are employed to take care of roughly 12 million others who receive care in their homes. Cutting an efficient service that helps citizens retain their independence and saves taxpayer dollars by keeping patients out of much more costly inpatient facilities does not make sense.

What YOU Can Do...

- ~Raise your voice for the home health patients and those that care for them by **SIGNING THE PETITION.**
- ~Please contact your Congressional representatives and sign our petition, or go online to the national petition at www.helpuschoosehome.com or www.wecansavehomehealth.org.
- ~You can also send a message to your elected representatives though the Home Care Alliance website at www.thinkhomecare.org and click on "contact your legislator."