The Medicare Home Infusion Site of Care Act

The Medicare fee-for-service program stands alone among payers in the United States in not fully recognizing the clinical, cost and quality of life benefits of providing infusion drug therapy for patients in their homes. Currently, Medicare pays for infusion drugs, but not the supplies and equipment needed to provide infusion therapy in the home setting. As a result, Medicare beneficiaries in need of infusion therapy such as Primacor, must receive their treatment in healthcare facilities rather than in their homes, which is the most desirable, convenient, and cost effective setting. Closing the gaps in coverage would align the Medicare program with virtually all payers, including Medicare Advantage, Tricare and many state Medicaid programs.

AAHFN stands in support of the Medicare Home Infusion Site of Care Act that is currently before congress and endorsed by the National Home Infusion Association. Passing of this Act will improve heart failure patient care and quality of life for those patients requiring home inotrope infusion. Please contact your local congressional representatives to vote in favor of this life changing initiative!

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