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**Senator Tom Daschle, Rep. Jason Altmire, Healthcare Experts Will  
Discuss Role of Homecare in Healthcare Reform at Capitol Hill  
Roundtable, July 21, 2009, 10 AM EDT**

*Media Are Invited to Participate in the Roundtable*

ARLINGTON, VA., July 16, 2009 ---- The American Association for Homecare invites the media to join Senator Tom Daschle, Representative Jason Altmire (D-Pa.), and healthcare representatives at a Capitol Hill roundtable discussion on the role of home-based care in healthcare reform. The roundtable will focus on how home medical equipment and services align with the goal of expanding access to and controlling costs of medical care. This discussion will touch on topics such as the roles of home care in the continuum of care, the transition to post-acute care, reductions in re-hospitalization, and reduction in the long-term care population in nursing homes.

Medicare's home medical equipment (HME) sector provides medical oxygen, respiratory therapy, hospital beds, wheelchairs, walkers and other equipment and services that allow people to get the care they need at home instead of in a hospital or nursing home. This sector has been the subject of recent and pending cuts.

**SPEAKERS:**

- Senator Tom Daschle
- Representative Jason Altmire
- Peter Thomas, Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities, Health Task Force Co-Chair
- Tyler Wilson, President, American Association for Homecare

**WHAT: Capitol Hill Roundtable Discussion on the Role of Homecare in Health Reform**

**WHEN: Tuesday, July 21, 2009 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. EDT**

**WHERE: US Capitol Building, Room HC-6**

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