



Medicare Bidding Fly-In

Marriott Crystal Gateway
Arlington, VA

Wednesday, May 21, 2008



American Association for Homecare

The American Association for Homecare (AAHomecare) is organizing a Medicare bidding fly-in on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, to lobby Congress to **suspend the competitive bidding program** for durable medical equipment and address the problems in the program. **There is no fee for this event; however, registration using the fax form below is requested for each person attending.**

The schedule is as follows:

5:00 to 7:30 p.m.	Cocktail Reception (5/20) AAHomecare Headquarters, Arlington, Va.
8:00 to 8:30 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
8:30 to 9:30 a.m.	Issue Briefing
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Capitol Hill Visits



Providers, clinicians, and patients in all parts of the country – not just Round One bidding areas – should be alarmed about flaws in the bid selection process and the negative impact of the bidding program on patients and services. The homecare community is asking Congress to urge the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to suspend Round One of bidding (and delay Round Two) in order to address the errors and problems. AAHomecare will provide background and issue papers. Participants are asked to schedule their meetings with congressional offices, with guidance from AAHomecare. For some states, the meetings will be scheduled by the state homecare associations.

AAHomecare has arranged with the **Marriott Crystal Gateway, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Va., (near National Airport) for a special room rate of \$299 single/double.** For reservations, contact the hotel at **1-800-228-9290** and ask for the AAHomecare group rate. **The hotel discount cut-off is April 24th.** Fax the fly-in registration form below to **Terri Judd at 703-836-6730.**

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