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Special Alert

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Senate Leaders Reach Compromise on Medicare Provider Package – Competitive Bidding Included

AAHomecare has learned that the Senate Leadership reached a compromise last night on a provider package that would include national competitive bidding for DMEPOS. The competitive bidding compromise would exclude any metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) with a population of less than 500,000 and phase-in would begin in 2004.

The Senate leadership plans to introduce this compromise on the Senate floor. We speculate this will happen early next week.

AAHomecare is encouraging members to call your Senator's Health Legislative Assistant and voice your opposition to this plan. You can access this information through the Capitol Connection link on the AAHomecare Web site at www.aahomecare.org or call the congressional switchboard at 202/224-3121.