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Special Alert

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MSA Information Available on AAHomecare Web Site – 82 Areas Affected Nationwide

On September 26, Senators Grassley and Baucus announced a compromise provider package proposal, which contains a national competitive bidding compromise excluding any metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) with a population of less than 500,000 – affecting 82 metropolitan areas nationwide. According to the proposal, phase-in would begin in 2004. (See September 27 *Update*.)

A full list of the national MSA is now available on the AAHomecare Web site at <http://www.aahomecare.org/govrelations/designation-msa.pdf>. (NOTE: Document will print in normal landscape format.) Or call 703-535-1889 to request a fax of the document.

AAHomecare is encouraging members to continue 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.