



Supporting Quality Health Care Services at Home

Special Alert

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List of House Members Needed to Sign the 15% Cut Bill Available on AAHomecare Web Site

The bill to finally eliminate the additional 15% cut in the Medicare home health benefit was introduced in the House of Representatives on March 20 as H.R. 975 by Congressman Wes Watkins (R-OK). The bill currently has 83 cosponsors. It is important that the bill have as many cosponsors as possible to give it the best chance of being included in whatever Medicare bill moves forward this fall. It is also important that those cosponsors include as many members of the Ways and Means Health Subcommittee and the full Ways and Means Committee as possible because the bill will be considered first by them. It should also be possible to interest members of the House Home Health Working Group in becoming cosponsors because any member in that group obviously has an interest in homecare.

AAHomecare has listed on its Web site the members of the Ways and Means Health Subcommittee and the full Committee who are not cosponsors to H.R. 975, as well as the members of the House Home Health Working Group who have not yet signed on. We encourage all AAHomecare members to contact the members of these key committees, as well as any other members of the House, to sign on as cosponsors as soon as possible.

This list can be accessed on the grass roots section of the AAHomecare Web site at <http://www.aahomecare.org/govrelations/gr-tools.htm>.

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