



June 27, 2017

The Honorable Tom Price, MD
Secretary
U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S. W.
Washington, D. C. 20201

Ms. Seema Verma
Administrator
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21244

Dear Secretary Price, Administrator Verma:

On behalf the American Association for Homecare, as well as durable medical equipment providers and patients nationwide, we would like to express our appreciation for CMS' recent action to keep group 3 power Complex Rehab Technology (CRT) accessories exempt from the application of competitive bidding derived pricing for Medicare beneficiaries.

This policy change will help maintain a sustainable business environment for companies that provide CRT mobility products, and will also improve healthcare outcomes and quality of life for individuals with significant disabilities. People with ALS, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, spinal cord injury, and traumatic brain injury who depend on this specialized technology are the principal beneficiaries of your Agencies' action on this issue. Caregivers, medical professionals, and communities who support these individuals can also rest easier knowing that access to CRT products will not be threatened by the kind of unsustainable pricing associated with the Medicare bidding program for durable medical equipment.

The durable medical equipment industry is proud to provide clinically proven, patient-preferred, and cost-effective products and services to millions of individuals across the nation. We look forward to working with you to make sure that every American, from pediatric patient to senior citizen, receives the high level of home-based care they deserve today, and for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Thomas Ryan
President & CEO
American Association for Homecare