

November 7, 2024

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Senate Majority Leader  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Minority Leader  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker of the House  
H-232, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
House Minority Leader  
2433 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Speaker Johnson, and Leader Jeffries:

We, the undersigned organizations representing major stakeholders across every facet of the U.S. health care system, write to express our support for the Preserving Patient Access to Home Infusion Act (H.R. 4104/S. 1976) and to urge you to prioritize this important legislation before the conclusion of the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Home infusion services have long been a critical component of patient-centered care, allowing individuals to receive necessary intravenous (IV) and subcutaneous therapies in the comfort of their homes. The availability of this care model is critical to a properly functioning health care system, as access to home infusion is essential for beneficiaries with disabilities and those living in rural areas. Additionally, home infusion improves patient outcomes, alleviates pressure on facilities, prevents unnecessary long-term care stays, and leads to substantial efficiencies for both patients and the Medicare program.

Despite these clear benefits, the current Medicare home infusion therapy (HIT) benefit is failing to function as Congress intended and is not meeting the needs of Medicare beneficiaries. While Medicare's home infusion benefit was created in 2017 by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has implemented the benefit in a manner that has failed to attract meaningful participation from providers and has left several states without a single participating HIT supplier. Beyond that, Medicare beneficiaries that would rely on home infusion for routine treatments such as IV antibiotics are often surprised to find out that Medicare's benefit does not provide coverage for the services and supplies required for home infusion. The resulting gaps in coverage disproportionately affect some of our most vulnerable populations, limiting access to high-quality, at-home care.

The bipartisan Preserving Patient Access to Home Infusion Act addresses these gaps by aligning Medicare policy with the successful models already in use by commercial insurers, ensuring that beneficiaries have access to the full range of services and supplies necessary for safe and effective home infusion care. Moreover, expanding access to home-based care will reduce unnecessary hospitalizations and shift treatment from more expensive institutional settings to the home, offsetting costs associated with improving the benefit and ensuring that access to home-based care is not financed on the backs of federal taxpayers or the Medicare Trust Fund.

We respectfully urge you to prioritize the passage of the Preserving Patient Access to Home Infusion Act. Doing so will ensure that Medicare beneficiaries can continue to receive critical care in their

homes, supporting better outcomes and a more sustainable healthcare system. Thank you for your leadership and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Pharmacy Compounding  
ALS Association  
American Academy of Home Care Medicine  
American Association for Homecare  
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine  
American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition  
American Society of Consultant Pharmacists  
Antimicrobials Working Group  
Dysautonomia International  
Fabry Support & Information Group  
Foundation for Peripheral Neuropathy  
Gaucher Community Alliance  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
Healthcare Nutrition Council  
Heart Failure Society of America  
Hospital-Owned Specialty Pharmacy Alliance  
Immune Deficiency Foundation  
Immunoglobulin National Society  
Infusion Nurses Society  
Moving Health Home  
Musella Foundation for Brain Tumor Research & Information, Inc.  
Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America  
Myasthenia Gravis Hope Foundation  
National Association for Home Care & Hospice  
National Association of Specialty Pharmacy  
National Community Pharmacists Association  
National Gaucher Foundation  
National Home Infusion Association  
Neuropathy Action Foundation  
NTM Info and Research Inc.  
Patients Rising  
Plasma Protein Therapeutics Association  
RetireSafe  
Senior Care Pharmacy Coalition  
The Bonnell Foundation: Living with cystic fibrosis.  
The Society of Thoracic Surgeons  
US Hereditary Angioedema Association

CC: Chairman Ron Wyden, Senate Finance Committee  
Ranking Member Mike Crapo, Senate Finance Committee  
Chairman Jason Smith, House Ways & Means Committee  
Ranking Richard Neal, House Ways & Means Committee  
Chairman Cathy McMorris Rodgers, House Energy & Commerce Committee  
Ranking Member Frank Pallone, House Energy & Commerce Committee