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## Please Support HR 5791

Dear Network Providers:

We at NORTHCOAST want to alert you regarding HR 5791, The [Medicare Home Infusion Consolidated Coverage Act](#). We are asking you to contact your legislators to ask them to support this bill. We believe it is important for our health care industry and will benefit the millions of seniors that we serve.

When the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) opted to include home infusion therapy under the Part D benefit in a manner that did not include coverage for the necessary professional services, supplies and equipment, the home infusion community warned that this decision would limit and, in many cases, deny access to home infusion therapy for beneficiaries. The [National Home Infusion Association](#) (NHIA) has been lobbying for months to get home infusion removed from Medicare Part D and moved to Part B. On July 13th, H.R. 5791 - The [Medicare Home Infusion Consolidated Coverage Act](#) was introduced into Congress. This bill would cover all aspects of home infusion therapy under Part B—the drugs, supplies, equipment and professional services necessary to provide home infusion therapy in a safe and effective manner. The bill enables Medicare beneficiaries to avoid hospitalizations and obtain safe and cost-effective treatment in their homes. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has acknowledged that meaningful access to home infusion therapy saves money for health plans and that Part D is a “poor fit” for home infusion.

Please ask Congress to support this bill. NHIA makes it very easy. There is a “canned” email on their web site that is available to everyone whether you are a member of NHIA or not. You may edit the message to include your own thoughts if you desire. Go to their web site at [www.nhianet.org](http://www.nhianet.org). In the column titled ADVOCACY UPDATE go to “Help Ensure Appropriate Coverage for Home Infusion under Medicare,” and click on [Enter Your Zip Code](#). Then enter your home zip code (the zip code identifies and selects your legislators). Follow the prompts. You will need to include your name and address in the appropriate blanks. That is all that is needed. (The complete text of the bill is available on the website or through the link above.)

This is an important bill not only for our industry, but also for the millions of senior citizens needing home infusion services. Please share this with others. Congress needs to hear our voices. **Please urge your legislators to support HR 5791.**



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