

March 17, 2020

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Chairman
House Committee on Energy & Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Richard Neal
Chairman
House Ways & Means Committee
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Greg Walden
Ranking Member
House Committee on Energy & Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin Brady
Ranking Member
House Ways & Means Committee
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Pallone, Chairman Neal, Ranking Member Walden, and Ranking Member Brady:

As the number of U.S. coronavirus cases continues to increase, we are writing to urge you to expedite consideration of H.R. 6218, the *Preserving Patient Access to Home Infusion Act*, to ensure Medicare patients have access to home infusion medications during this time of critical need.

Given recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that patients with underlying health conditions should avoid exposure to healthcare facilities, ensuring access to home-based care is more important than ever. Home infusion therapy keeps high-risk patients with serious infections, heart failure, immune diseases, cancer, and other conditions out of institutional settings and allows them to receive treatment at home.

This legislation provides important clarifications to the *21st Century Cures Act* that will ensure Medicare recognizes the full spectrum of professional services provided in home infusion — including the extensive pharmacy services that minimize the need for face-to-face interactions and are integral to safe and effective treatment. This will enable the delivery of infused medications in patients' homes, protecting those with underlying health conditions from the risk of disease, relieving burden on hospitals, and creating savings for patients and taxpayers.

As public health officials urge vulnerable patients to avoid health care facilities such as hospitals and nursing homes to avoid exposure to COVID-19, the value of home-based care has never been so clear. We urge your Committee to advance H.R. 6218 as urgently as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of this vital legislation. We look forward to working with you as this moves forward.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Pharmacy Compounding
Alpha-1 Foundation
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology

American Association of Heart Failure Nurses
American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition
American Society of Consultant Pharmacists
Amerita
ARJ Infusion Services
Bioplus
CarePro Health Services
Chartwell Pennsylvania, LP
CSL Behring
Fairview Pharmacy Services
GBS|CIDP Foundation International
Grifols
Healthcare Nutrition Council
Horizon Healthcare Services
Immune Deficiency Foundation
Immunoglobulin National Society
Infusion Nurses Society
Infusion Solutions Inc.
Integrated Medical Systems
Intramed Plus
Kabafusion
Managed Health Care Associates, Inc.
McKesson
National Home Infusion Association
New England Life Care
Option Care Health
OptionOne Pharmacy
Paragon Healthcare
Patient Services Inc.
Premier Healthcare Alliance
ProHealth Pharmacy Solutions
Sentara Health Care
Smiths Medical
Soleo Health
Upstate Homecare
US Hereditary Angioedema Association
Vital Care Home Infusion Services

CC: Speaker Nancy Pelosi, United States House of Representatives
Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, United States House of Representatives

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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
United States Senate Committee on Finance
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Ranking Member
United States Senate Committee on Finance
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Wyden:

As the number of U.S. coronavirus cases continues to increase, we are writing to urge you to expedite consideration of S. 3457, the *Preserving Patient Access to Home Infusion Act*, to ensure Medicare patients have access to home infusion medications during this time of critical need.

Given recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that patients with underlying health conditions should avoid exposure to healthcare facilities, ensuring access to home-based care is more important than ever. Home infusion therapy keeps high-risk patients with serious infections, heart failure, immune diseases, cancer, and other conditions out of institutional settings and allows them to receive treatment at home.

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As public health officials urge vulnerable patients to avoid health care facilities such as hospitals and nursing homes to avoid exposure to COVID-19, the value of home-based care has never been so clear. We urge your Committee to advance S. 3457 as urgently as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of this vital legislation. We look forward to working with you as this moves forward.

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Soleo Health
Upstate Homecare
US Hereditary Angioedema Association
Vital Care Home Infusion Services

CC: Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, United States Senate
Minority Leader Charles Schumer, United States Senate