

September 30, 2019

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rogers
U.S. House of Representatives
1035 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Dave Loebsack
U.S. House of Representatives
1211 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Representatives McMorris Rogers and Loebsack:

The undersigned organizations would like to thank you for introducing the Protecting Home Oxygen and Medical Equipment Access Act of 2019 (H.R. 2771). We are pleased to support this important legislation, which will provide additional relief to Durable Medical Equipment (DME) non-competitive bidding areas and address the problems with the oxygen budget neutrality requirement in the Medicare program.

Over the last few years, Congress and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have made significant changes to the DME benefit in Medicare to address serious access issues derived from the DMEPOS Competitive Bidding Program (CBP). Your legislation will continue this effort and protect Medicare beneficiaries' access to the DME they need. The Protecting Home Oxygen and Medical Equipment Access Act of 2019 (H.R. 2771) will make the rural relief provided by CMS permanent (50/50 blended rate), provide additional relief for non-rural non-bid areas at a rate of 75/25 (CBP-derived rates/fee schedule rate), and will eliminate an outdated oxygen budget neutrality requirement.

Thank you again for introducing H.R. 2771. We look forward to working with you on the passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

American Association for Homecare (AAHomecare)
National Coalition for Assistive and Rehab Technology (NCART)
National Registry of Rehabilitation Technology Suppliers (NRRTS)
American Association for Respiratory Care (AARC)
National Community Pharmacists Association (NCPA)
Council for Quality Respiratory Care (CQRC)
The VGM Group (VGM)
Managed Health Care Associates, Inc. (MHA)/The MED Group
Alabama Durable Medical Equipment Association (ADMEA)
Colorado Association for Medical Equipment Services (CAMES)

Michigan HomeCare & Hospice Association (MHHA)
Association for TN Home Oxygen and Medical Equipment Services (ATHOMES)
Midwest Association for Medical Equipment Services and Supplies (MAMES)
Southwest Medical Equipment Suppliers Association (SWMESA)
Northeast Medical Equipment Providers Association (NEMEP)
Pennsylvania Association of Medical Suppliers (PAMS)
Georgia Association of Medical Equipment Suppliers (GAMES)
Nevada Association of Medical Products Suppliers (NAMPS)
Big Sky Association of Medical Equipment Suppliers (Big Sky AMES)
Pacific Association for Medical Equipment Services (PAMES)
Atlantic Coast Medical Equipment Services Association (ACMESA)
Florida Alliance of Home Care Services (FAHCS)
Great Lakes Home Medical Services Association (Great Lakes)
Ohio Association of Medical Equipment Services (OAMES)
Home Medical Equipment and Services Association of New England (HOMES)
Maryland-National Capital Homecare Association (MNCHA)
Norco, Inc.