

# What Stakeholders Are Saying About The Home Health Payment Innovation Act



## New regs will undermine home health care in Alabama

September 4, 2019

"If passed, this legislation would preserve patient access to home health services by requiring Medicare to carry out reimbursement adjustments only when actual changes to provider billing behavior are explicitly observed... This bipartisan legislative initiative has already garnered considerable support from members of both political parties—a rare but welcome sight in an era of such political gridlock."

*John Beard is Former Chairman and President of Alacare Home Health Services.*

## Tennessean.

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## Tennessee lawmakers can protect senior access to home health care | Opinion

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"This reform is critical for both patients and providers. By ensuring that home health agencies continue to be reimbursed appropriately, the home health sector will be more sustainable. As a result, patient care is substantially less likely to be disrupted or delayed — a welcome relief to Tennesseans dependent on home health."

*Maegan Carr Martin is the executive director of the Tennessee Association for Home Care.*

## Lansing State Journal

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## Help seniors remain healthy and independent with home health payment innovation

Aug. 14, 2019

"These bills would require Medicare to implement reimbursement rate adjustments only after CMS observes any behavioral changes by home health agencies. It's smart health policy that removes assumptions from provider payments and instead reimburses caregivers based on facts."

*Barry S. Cargill is president & CEO of the Michigan HomeCare & Hospice Association.*

## The Wichita Eagle

## Home health care for seniors at risk unless Congress acts

August 10, 2019

By signing onto this important legislation, our lawmakers can recognize the value home health adds to the lives of Kansas seniors and ensure continued access to the patient-preferred, cost-effective care beneficiaries want as they age. Enabling seniors to remain in their homes can make aging just a little easier.

*Jane Kelly is the executive director of the Kansas Home Care & Hospice Association*



## Opinion: Texas lawmakers should protect home health for older Americans

Jul 15, 2019

"As America's expanding aging population continues to grow, more and more individuals will enter the Medicare home health care system, which is why getting home health payment right is critical... I am thankful to the members of our state's congressional delegation who support the Home Health Payment Innovation Act of 2019 to fix this problem. I urge the rest of the Texas delegation, one of the largest in Congress, to send a message to their fellow lawmakers that we value our elders and most vulnerable and support this bill."

*Rachel Hammon is a registered nurse and executive director of the Texas Association of Home Care & Hospice*

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## Louisiana lawmakers stand up for home health

May 30, 2019

"The Home Health Payment Innovation Act (S. 433/H.R. 2573) requires Medicare to remove assumptions from the equation and bases payment on facts. In doing so, it facilitates a much smoother transition to the new payment system."

*Warren Hébert is Executive Director of the Homecare Association of Louisiana*

## Sen. Collins fights to protect home health for Mainers

April 26, 2019

Recognizing the risks this payment model places on Maine seniors, Sen. Collins, a longtime champion of home health care, recently introduced the bipartisan Home Health Payment Innovation Act of 2019 (S. 433) in the U.S. Senate, which will refine the new payment model to ensure Medicare reimbursement rates are based on observed behavior and data instead of mere assumptions. This approach will ensure Medicare payment is based on real patient characteristics and care needs.

*Laurie Belden is executive director of the Home Care & Hospice Alliance of Maine in Manchester.*



## Congress: Support legislation to defend Medicare home health

May 20, 2019

"In essence, this legislation would require Medicare to implement reimbursement adjustments which are founded on evidence-based changes in billing behavior, rather than arbitrary assumptions about provider behaviors which have yet to actually occur... With strong support for both Senate and House bills from the nation's home health care community, there is reason to be optimistic about the prospect of substantive changes to CMS' originally proposed payment model."

*Tim Rogers is Chair of the Council of State Home Care & Hospice Associations.*