



## **ASP Reimbursement: Achieving a service payment for home infusion drugs delivered under Medicare Part B**

### **Sample Letter: Home Infusion Providers to Beneficiaries**

Dear Beneficiary:

The National Home Infusion Association (NHIA) represents companies that provide in-home IV therapies to patients like you. Recently, Congress passed the *21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act*, and changed the way Medicare pays home infusion pharmacies for IV drugs under the Part B DME program. If this change impacted your home infusion pharmacy's ability to continue to provide your IV therapy at home, NHIA wants to hear from you.

NHIA is trying to expand coverage under Medicare to make it easier to receive IV treatments at home. Under the recent change, Congress created a gap in coverage by reducing the payments for drugs without adding a payment for the services required to deliver your therapy. Service payments will not begin until 2021, while the cuts to drug payments start immediately in January of 2017. NHIA wants to know if this Medicare reimbursement change led to a change in how you receive your infusion medication—for example, did you have to:

- Change home infusion providers?
- Stop or change your IV therapy?
- Make alternate arrangements to receive your infusion medication in another setting, such as a physicians' office, outpatient treatment center or long-term care facility (nursing home)?

NHIA and its member companies are working to correct this services payment gap—and patient stories are an important part of the message. If you have experienced a change in service, please consider telling NHIA about how you are now receiving the infusion therapy you need. Go to "Keep My Infusion Care at Home" website (<http://www.keepmyinfusioncareathome.org/>) or call NHIA at 703-549-3740 to share your story. Without patient stories, this problem is unlikely to be fixed.

Thank you for your support in this matter.