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## Bills Affecting HME Are Multiplying on Capitol Hill

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ATLANTA — If you think H.R. 1041, the bill that would repeal [competitive bidding](#), is the only HME game on Capitol Hill, here is some news: There is plenty of other legislation that could potentially affect your home medical equipment business. And there's wanna-be legislation as well.

Here's a snapshot of some bills, both introduced and in the works, that could change the way you do business. Each is currently under review by one or more committees.

### S. 1273, THE DIRECT CARE JOB QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACT

Introduced June 24 by Sens. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Robert Casey, D-Pa., the bill would "ensure direct care workers, who often care for seniors in their homes, receive minimum wage and overtime pay." The legislation would also establish a monitoring program to oversee the capacity and quality of the direct care work force and establish a grant program aimed at helping states improve recruitment, retention and training of direct care workers.

### S. 1203/H.R. 1295, THE MEDICARE HOME INFUSION THERAPY COVERAGE ACT

Designed to close a gap in coverage where medications used in home infusion to treat an array of serious diseases are covered but the medical equipment and services that go with them are not, the companion bills were introduced June 15 by Sens. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, and John Kerry, D-Mass.; and Reps. Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., and Tim Murphy, R-Pa. The legislation calls for infusion-related services, supplies and [equipment for home infusion therapy to be covered](#) under Medicare Part B, while coverage of the drugs would remain under Part D.