Petition to Protect Access to Medical Equipment in Rural America

We, the undersigned, ask our elected officials to work together and agree to a joint solution, passing legislation that ensures Medicare beneficiary access to home medical equipment across rural America.

Millions of seniors and people with disabilities rely on medical equipment such as oxygen therapy, wheelchairs, and walkers to live safely in their homes. However, a controversial reimbursement program called "Competitive Bidding" has created significant burdens for these individuals trying to receive medically necessary equipment, services, and supplies.

On July 1, 2016, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) fully implemented this program across rural America, irresponsibly and unsustainably slashes reimbursement rates for life-sustaining medical equipment by upwards of 50-80% without accounting for the unique costs of accessing and caring for these medically frail Medicare patients in rural America.

Without adequate funding, trusted home medical equipment companies in these areas are forced to change their delivery and service policies, reduce their product offerings, or shutter their business entirely, leaving patients and caregivers in rural areas to ultimately suffer the consequences.

Medicare beneficiaries in rural America are losing access to quality home medical equipment and services. Therefore, we call upon Congress to intervene, develop a solution, and send legislation to the White House.

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