

March 17, 2020

The Honorable Chuck Grassley  
Chairman  
United States Senate Committee on Finance  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
Ranking Member  
United States Senate Committee on Finance  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Grassley and Ranking Member Wyden:

As the number of U.S. coronavirus cases continues to increase, we are writing to urge you to expedite consideration of S. 3457, the *Preserving Patient Access to Home Infusion Act*, to ensure Medicare patients have access to home infusion medications during this time of critical need.

Given recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that patients with underlying health conditions should avoid exposure to healthcare facilities, ensuring access to home-based care is more important than ever. Home infusion therapy keeps high-risk patients with serious infections, heart failure, immune diseases, cancer, and other conditions out of institutional settings and allows them to receive treatment at home.

This legislation provides important clarifications to the *21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act* that will ensure Medicare recognizes the full spectrum of professional services provided in home infusion — including the extensive pharmacy services that minimize the need for face-to-face interactions and are integral to safe and effective treatment. This will enable the delivery of infused medications in patients' homes, protecting those with underlying health conditions from the risk of disease, relieving burden on hospitals, and creating savings for patients and taxpayers.

As public health officials urge vulnerable patients to avoid health care facilities such as hospitals and nursing homes to avoid exposure to COVID-19, the value of home-based care has never been so clear. We urge your Committee to advance S. 3457 as urgently as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of this vital legislation. We look forward to working with you as this moves forward.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Pharmacy Compounding  
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology  
American Association of Heart Failure Nurses  
American Society for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition  
American Society of Consultant Pharmacists  
Amerita  
ARJ Infusion Services  
Bioplus  
CarePro Health Services  
Chartwell Pennsylvania, LP

CSL Behring  
Fairview Pharmacy Services  
GBS|CIDP Foundation International  
Grifols  
Healthcare Nutrition Council  
Horizon Healthcare Services  
Immune Deficiency Foundation  
Immunoglobulin National Society  
Infusion Nurses Society  
Infusion Solutions Inc.  
Integrated Medical Systems  
Intramed Plus  
Kabafusion  
Managed Health Care Associates, Inc.  
McKesson  
National Home Infusion Association  
New England Life Care  
Option Care Health  
OptionOne Pharmacy  
Paragon Healthcare  
Patient Services Inc.  
Premier Healthcare Alliance  
ProHealth Pharmacy Solutions  
Sentara Health Care  
Soleo Health  
Upstate Homecare  
US Hereditary Angioedema Association  
Vital Care Home Infusion Services

CC: Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, United States Senate  
Minority Leader Charles Schumer, United States Senate