

1**Support the Prompt and Fair Pay Act**

This bipartisan bill, introduced by Reps. Lloyd Doggett and Greg Murphy, addresses critical flaws in the Medicare Advantage (MA) program. It aims to restore fairness, transparency, and financial stability for providers delivering essential in-home care.

2**Address Payment Delays and Underpayment**

MA plans consistently reimburse below traditional Medicare rates. Providers face prolonged payment delays and opaque rate-setting processes with no room for negotiation. The “take it or leave it” approach threatens the sustainability of home health and hospice services.

3**Protect Patient Access**

Prior authorization delays can lead to worsening conditions, delayed hospital discharges, and preventable complications. Claim denials—even for authorized services—are common, with limited recourse through internal appeals.

4**Reduce Administrative Burdens**

Excessive documentation, audits, and prior authorization requirements are overwhelming providers. These burdens delay care, increase costs, and divert resources from patients.

5**Ensure Oversight and Accountability**

MA plans must be held to consistent standards for authorization, payment, and appeals. Public reporting on denial patterns and payment practices is essential for transparency.

6**Preserve Hospice Integrity**

Traditional Medicare allows unrestricted access to hospice care, which is critical for patients in their final days. The failed VBID demonstration showed that integrating hospice into MA plans leads to harmful delays and administrative barriers.

Call to Action: Ask Your Members of Congress to Co-Sponsor the Prompt and Fair Pay Act! This bipartisan legislation will ensure timely and equitable payments, streamline processes, and protect the rights of patients and providers. Your voice matters! Urge your elected representatives to support this critical reform by signing on as co-sponsors today.

