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January 9, 2024

The Honorable Lloyd Doggett, Ranking Member Committee Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health U.S. House of Representatives 2307 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Doggett:

On behalf of the more than 2 million members of the National Retiree Legislative Network (NRLN), I am requesting that you support calling for a vote in the Subcommittee on Health on H.R.4104, Preserving Patient Access to Home Infusion Act.

Passage of this bill would protect access to Medicare's home infusion benefit by making clear that pharmacy services for home infusion therapy can be reimbursed and sets an appropriate rate for such services. It will save the Medicare program millions of dollars, cut patient costs, and ensure seniors receive safe and adequate care in the comfort of their own home.

Specifically, the legislation would:

-- include pharmacy services as part of covered home infusion therapy under Medicare, encompassing assessments, drug preparation and compounding, and care coordination and documentation;

-- direct CMS to pay 50% of the nursing rate on home infusion days when a nurse is not present; -- allow nurse practitioners and physician assistants to establish and review the plan of care for home infusion therapy.

If you would like to learn more about why NRLN supports **H.R.4104**, please contact me or Alyson Parker, NRLN Executive Director in Washington, DC, at <u>parkerstrategies@gmail.com</u> or call 813-545-6792.

Sincerely,

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