

# CONGRESS: Tell CMS to Stop Additional Cuts to Home Health in 2024

The proposed cuts implemented by CMS threaten access to home healthcare services, especially in rural and hard-to-reach communities.

**The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) plans to implement a permanent 7.85% cut in 2024.** This equates to more than \$1 billion in cuts annually. The overall spending for the home health benefit is only \$17 billion annually.



**These cuts will total more than \$18 billion over the next ten years – even more than what CMS originally proposed.**

**This will result in devastating, long-term repercussions for home health clients and their providers.**



In 2024, it is estimated that **51%** of Medicare-certified home health agencies will be operating with **negative margins** as a result of these cuts.

**Home health care is the patient preferred, cost effective setting for providing care to Medicare populations.**

The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) estimates that **operating margins will drop by 7% in 2023.** With the upcoming full rate reduction, **the average overall margin will fall below 0%.**

**The Medicare Fee-For-Service (FFS) margins offset below-cost** payment rates for Medicare covered home health services provided to Medicare Advantage enrollees and Medicaid beneficiaries.

While this subsidization is **not optimal, it has worked** to ensure that all Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries have **access to care by quality home healthcare providers.**



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