

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 9.36% cut in 2024 or \$20 billion over the next 10 years.



The net result of this cut along with inflation updates is **- 2.2% in 2024 or \$375 million decrease in Medicare payments.**

This 3% inflation adjustment does **not** adequately consider the **sky rocketing costs** of delivering care in a post-COVID world.



Nursing staff wages have risen quarterly since 2021 from an increase of **6.1%** in 4Q2021 to **7.7%** in 1Q2023¹.



Home health care is the patient preferred, cost-effective setting for providing care to vulnerable populations and is projected to save Medicare **\$3.37 billion in 2023-2027².**

Access to care crisis

Patient denial rates have increased from **54%** in 2019 to **76%** in 2022³.



In 2024, it is estimated that **52.7%** of Medicare-certified home health agencies will be operating with **negative margins as a result of these cuts⁴.**



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Preserving Access to Home Health Act of 2023 (SB 2137 & HR 5159)

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Representatives Terri Sewell (D-AL) and Adrian Smith (R-NE)

1. BLS.gov
2. govinfo.gov
3. NAHC & PQHH 2023 Comment Letter
4. CMS' 2022 Cost Reports



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