

As you may be aware the exceptions processes for Medicare Part B caps is set to expire December 31st, 2009 unless Congress sees fit to pass legislation preventing it. Currently Congress is focused on various bills concerning comprehensive health care plans, which contain provisions to address both the therapy cap and the Fee schedule adjustments. It is doubtful that either the House or Senate versions of the bill will pass before the exception process deadline.

Therefore, I am asking that all full and part time employees take the time to contact both the Democratic and Republican Leaders to push through singular legislation concerning the caps before the end of the year.

Below are the various email, physical addresses, and contact web sites of the 6 key members of Congress we need, to push through this legislation. Please either cut and paste the above letters into an email or print out and snail mail according to their preferences.

We have experienced this process many times before and Congress as put through the necessary bills, although not always timely.

Congress goes out on holiday break on December 19th, it is crucial that they receive your "mail" as soon as possible. Like our last advocacy issue we will be tracking each building as they complete this task. Please email me as soon as your team is finished. I would like to hear from you by December 4th.

Nancy Pelosi: [AmericanVoices@mail.house.gov](mailto:AmericanVoices@mail.house.gov)

Charles Rangel: <https://forms.house.gov/rangel/forms/contact.shtml> (this is a contact page...no direct e-mail address)

Henry Waxman: He only accepts e-mails from his constituents.

2204 Rayburn  
House Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20515

John Boehner: <http://johnboehner.house.gov> if a constituent, otherwise use the contact page...<http://republicanleader.house.gov/Contact/>

Dave Camp: He only accepts e-mails from his constituents.

341 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20515

Joe Barton: <http://joebarton.house.gov/ContactJoe.aspx?Type=Contact> (contact page...no direct e-mail address)

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1. Page 2 on this document contains the Republican Letter, Page 3 contains the Democratic Letter
2. Highlight letter contents
3. Hit Control C
4. Double click on the a link above
5. If an email, Hit Control V in the body on the email. **Make sure you print your name on the bottom**
6. If it is a contact link, Fill in the information as requested, click in the comments section, Hit Control V, wait for letter to appear
7. Send

Thank you for your participation.

The Honorable John Boehner  
Republican Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-204, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Dave Camp  
Ranking Member  
House Ways and Means Committee  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Joe Barton  
Ranking Member  
House Energy and Commerce Committee  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Republican Leader Boehner, Ranking Members Camp and Barton:

I respectfully request that you consider the temporary extension of the Medicare outpatient therapy caps under 42 U.S.C. 13951 (g) in the event that comprehensive health care reform cannot be completed by the end of the year. Currently, the Medicare outpatient therapy caps are in effect with an exceptions process to ensure seniors and individuals with disabilities have access to medically necessary outpatient rehabilitation services. The exceptions process is set to expire on December 31, 2009.

Even a short-term enforcement of the therapy caps would have a negative impact on beneficiaries, causing some to deny themselves necessary rehabilitation services for fear of policy for a calendar year will force approximately 12.6% of persons with disabilities and senior citizens with significant medical needs to forego necessary care, or pay 100% of the cost of care out of pocket.

Congress has clearly signaled its intention to enact legislation in the near future addressing the therapy cap policy: Section 1231 of the Affordable Health Care for America Act (H.R. 3962), and the present debate on the Senate floor for the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act.

As Congress moves toward completing its work on comprehensive health care reform, we seek to ensure that seniors and individuals with disabilities will not have interruption of their rehabilitation care in the interim.

Sincerely,

<ENTER NAME>

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232, U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Rangel  
Chairman  
House Ways and Means Committee  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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