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Medicare Rebasing, Access & Jobs

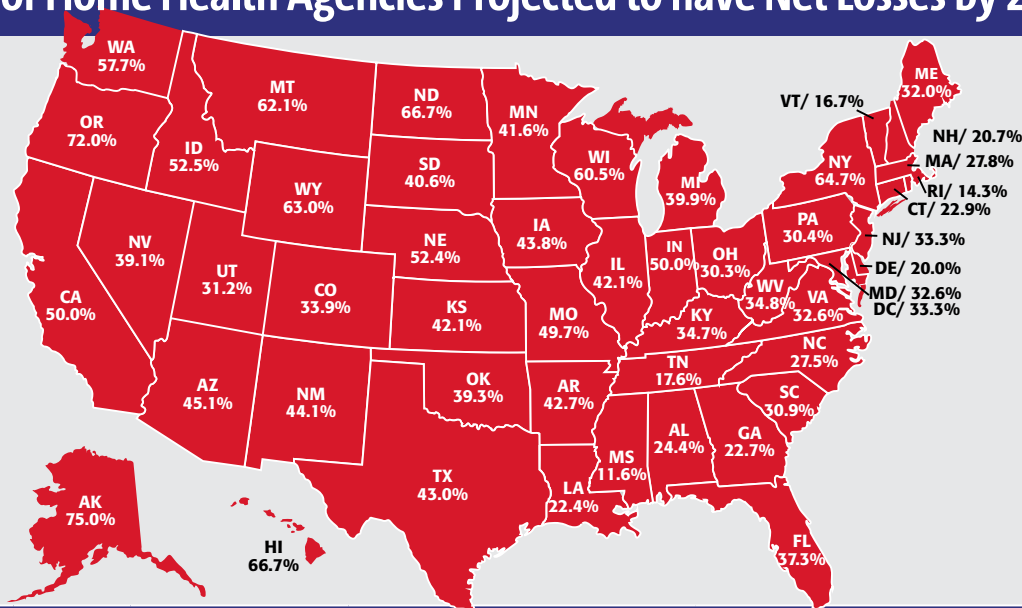
Medicare cuts of 14% Put Patients' Access to Home Healthcare at Serious Risk

In the final Home Health Prospective Payment (HHPPS) rule for CY 2014, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) cut the Medicare home health benefit by 3.5% each year, amounting to a **14% cut over the next four years (2014-2017)**. Such massive cuts will have **devastating consequences and endanger access to clinically advanced, cost-effective home healthcare that is necessary for homebound patients**. Today, nearly 3.5 million seniors and disabled individuals depend on the Medicare home health benefit for skilled nursing care, physical therapy, speech-language pathology, and occupational therapy services.

CMS itself has admitted* that this cut will cause **40% of providers to suffer net losses by 2017**. According to Avalere Health, this endangered segment alone serves nearly 1.5 million seniors and employs almost 500,000 caregivers. As a result of CMS' unprecedented cut, senior citizens in every state and the home healthcare services on which they depend face enormous risk.

The Medicare home health benefit has already absorbed \$72.5 billion in cuts since 2009 and these additional cuts from rebasing are going to have a direct and noticeable impact on vulnerable seniors and disabled individuals, especially in rural and underserved areas.

Percent of Home Health Agencies Projected to have Net Losses by 2017



NUMBER OF HOME HEALTH SENIORS CURRENTLY SERVED BY PROVIDERS WITH PROJECTED NET LOSS BY 2017

Alabama	16,785	Illinois	81,552	Montana	4,234	Rhode Island	1,752
Alaska	1,724	Indiana	30,828	Nebraska	7,531	South Carolina	15,878
Arizona	15,743	Iowa	10,575	Nevada	9,086	South Dakota	1,887
Arkansas	15,392	Kansas	9,724	New Hampshire	3,986	Tennessee	14,871
California	130,185	Kentucky	20,639	New Jersey	32,217	Texas	157,402
Colorado	11,139	Louisiana	17,457	New Mexico	7,320	Utah	5,690
Connecticut	11,906	Maine	6,277	New York	115,623	Vermont	1,638
Delaware	2,353	Maryland	18,197	North Carolina	28,569	Virginia	27,579
District of Columbia	2,046	Massachusetts	29,681	North Dakota	2,915	Washington	23,637
Florida	127,710	Michigan	67,854	Ohio	35,488	West Virginia	7,319
Georgia	19,322	Minnesota	13,171	Oklahoma	26,746	Wisconsin	20,935
Hawaii	1,969	Mississippi	6,505	Oregon	15,236	Wyoming	2,151
Idaho	5,822	Missouri	33,316	Pennsylvania	43,449		

Please stand with homebound and chronically ill seniors and urge this deep home health cut be repealed!