

ACTION NEEDED - Medicare Ambulance Relief

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Dear Partners:

There is a critical issue facing ambulance providers nationwide that needs your attention. As many of you know, ambulance services currently receive more than 50% of their revenue from Medicare. Chronic below-cost Medicare reimbursement has hampered the efforts of ambulance services to cover increased costs. Medicare add-on payments, enacted 3 years ago, have helped to ensure access for all patients to vital emergency and non-emergency ambulance service **however, these payments are set to expire on December 31, 2017.**

Non-renewal of these add-on payments will result in ambulance services operating at a level below their cost, according to the US GAO and **will be a financial disaster for all ambulance providers nationwide**. There are currently active bi-partisan bills in both the House and Senate to extend these Medicare add-on payments ([click here for summaries of both bills](#)). In addition to extending the add-ons, the bills also add new features for data collection as well as fraud and abuse protection.

The American Ambulance Association (AAA) is working hard to resolve this issue within the next 120 days, **however we need your help:**

Click below to go the AAA website and quickly email legislators and urge passage of this measure:

https://ambulance.org/advocacy/permanent-medicare-ambulance-relief/?utm_source=AAA-Master-API&utm_campaign=5648e59868-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_08_09&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_805941f8fd-5648e59868-94507325

Thank you in advance for your support.

