



# Federal Bills Impacting PHA Members

Please note: All of these bills can be viewed and downloaded on the PHA website

The following is a list of the federal bills that PHA has taken a position on and is currently monitoring. Please contact Lauren Mishoe at [lmishoe@pahomecare.org](mailto:lmishoe@pahomecare.org) to get involved in our federal advocacy!

Bill	Description	Position	Status/Advocacy
S. 309	<p>The <u>Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan</u> demonstration amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to establish a Community-Based Institutional Special Needs Plan demonstration program through which up to five eligible Medicare Advantage (MA) organizations shall provide home and community-based care to eligible Medicare beneficiaries. For purposes of the demonstration program, an eligible Medicare beneficiary is ineligible for Medicaid and unable to perform two or more activities of daily living.</p> <p>(Currently no PA Senators as co-sponsor, 1 total)</p>	Support	<p>Senate Committee on Finance</p> <p>PHA has done individual outreach to both PA Senators urging them to co-sponsor.</p>
S. 445/H.R. 1825	<p>The <u>Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act of 2017</u> would allow nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse-midwives, and physician assistants to order home health services under Medicare.</p> <p>(Currently no PA Senators as co-sponsor, 3 total) (Currently 9 PA Representatives as co-sponsors, 82 total)</p>	Support	<p>Senate Committee on Finance and House Ways and Means Committee</p> <p>PHA has done individual outreach to both PA Senators urging them to cosponsor. PHA continues to do outreach to those members who have not signed on yet.</p>

S. 464	<p>The <u>Independence at Home Act of 2017</u> expands the Independence at Home (IAH) demonstration project that has been providing home-based primary medical care to over 10,000 frail elders with severe chronic illness and disability over the last five years to a permanent program under Medicare.</p> <p>(No PA Senators as co-sponsors, 3 total)</p>	Support	Senate Committee on Finance
H.R. 2663	<p>The <u>Home Health Documentation and Program Improvement Act of 2017</u> eases the physician documentation requirement by merely requiring demonstration that a timely encounter occurred and narrow the circumstances where a face-to-face encounter is required by excluding patients transferred from a hospital or SNF. The bill also addresses CMS's past claim denials by requiring CMS to either reach a settlement with affected home health agencies or reopen and pay those claims denied related to the physician narrative.</p> <p>(Currently no PA co-sponsors)</p>	Support	House Ways and Means Committee