Dear Home Care Professional:

Once again, Medicare takes center stage, which is why CAHSAH continues its aggressive advocacy efforts, whether it's singularly or in partnership with other health care driven entities.

**UPDATE - CAHSAH at the FOREFRONT on CRITICAL FEDERAL ISSUES!**

Here's where we stand:

- **OPPOSE** President Obama’s proposed budget that includes a $100 co-pay for Home health visits not associated with hospital or nursing home discharge, a significant increase in the amount of surety bond coverage for Medicare providers and additional cuts to reimbursement increases over the next 10 years.
- **SUPPORT** changing the Affordable Care Act Definition of full-time work from 30 hours per week to 40 hours per week.
- **SUPPORT** recalculation and delay of implementation of the recent Medicare rebasing proposal.
- **OPPOSE** burdensome face-to-face documentation requirements.
- **SUPPORT** a five-year extension of the Medicare provider Rural Add-On.
- **SUPPORT** legislation to allow nurse practitioners and physician assistants to sign home health orders.
- **OPPOSE** recent efforts to change the federal companionship exemption rules.

We could use your help to ensure that health care agencies are well represented and that businesses are protected. To find out what you can do:

Policy - Contact Mary Adorno at 916-641-5795, ext 124, or madorno@cahsah.org

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Let's work together in *Shaping the Future of Home Care*. 