

Iowa Alliance in Home Care

#1 2009 Legislative Priority

1. Ensure access for lowans, and derive economic savings from the realignment of funds to lower cost in-home health services, through increased Medicaid funding for home care service providers:
 - o Fully fund the FY 2010 Medicaid Home Health budget to compensate home care providers at 100% of federal Medicare LUPA (i.e. increase the “Medicaid Limit” under the current reimbursement system)

The Big Picture

1. **Fund the new Iowa Medicaid Home Health services fee schedule at 100% of the federal Medicare “per visit” level. Note: This will require an additional \$9M in DHS budget appropriations.**
2. **95% of Iowa home health providers are currently reimbursed by Medicaid in 2001 dollars with very few adjustments in the past 7 years. Our funding request would correct this increasingly inequitable situation.**
3. **A large percentage of Iowa’s home health providers depend on Medicaid reimbursement for a majority of their revenues.**
4. **Home health providers should not be penalized when health services delivered in a home setting are not only more cost-effective but preferred by lowans.**
5. **Access to home health services will be severely compromised if full funding does not occur.**