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**2009  
Legislative  
Priorities**

Health Care that's Right at Home!

**Think Home Care...**

- Affordable**
- Accessible**
- Important**
- Preferred**

REPRESENTING  
IOWA PROVIDERS OF  
HOME-CENTERED HEALTH  
& PERSONAL CARE  
SERVICES

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# Representing Iowa Providers of Home-centered Health & Personal Care Services

The **Iowa Alliance in Home Care** represents Medicare-certified home health agencies, and other providers of home-centered health & personal care services, throughout the state of Iowa. Home Care is an essential health care delivery component in a rebalanced and affordable health care delivery system.

## Legislative Priorities

### Increase Medicaid Home Care Services Appropriations

*Fully fund the new fee schedule at 100% of federal Medicare LUPA (i.e. "per visit") level and include an annual rate update provision*

### Health Care Reform Inclusion

*Ensure that the Iowa home care community is included in any health care reform committee-level appointments*

### Home Care Direct Care Worker Education & Training

*Support minimum requirements for all home care direct care workers*

*Oppose new requirements that create additional costs to providers*

## The Role of Home Care in a Rebalanced Affordable Iowa Health Care Delivery System

Home Care must be a legislative priority, including equitable access to financial resources, for the following reasons:

### AFFORDABLE

Services provided in the home setting are significantly less costly when compared with most other health care delivery settings.

### ACCESSIBLE

Home care providers are readily available in all 99 counties.

### IMPORTANT

Home Care services are delivered to a significant and increasing number of Iowans every year.

### PREFERRED

Home Care is the "preferred" choice for health care delivery by most Iowa consumers.

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- The services that home care providers offer help to keep people safe and healthy in their own home.
- Iowans prefer to receive health care services in their own homes.
- When services can be provided in the home there is a high level of patient satisfaction, people respond better when in familiar surroundings and it saves the system money.
- Limited Medicaid and other health care dollars can typically stretch further if redistributed for home care coverage.
- Home Telehealth offers unlimited potential as a chronic disease management tool and human resources extender. Ensuring that home telehealth funding is available to benefit all Iowans.
- For many Iowans "Access" to home care services is important. However, stagnant and declining Medicare and Medicaid funding put many home care providers in jeopardy.
- Remember...HOME CARE is Affordable, Accessible, Important and Preferred.