

Proposed Legislative Cuts to Home Care
H.R. 3162 'The Children's Health and Medicare Act of 2007'

Provides a one year reduction in Medicare home health services payment rates through a one year freeze of the market basket update for FY 2008. Over five years, this proposal would reduce outlays for home health by \$2.6 Billion.

Case Mix Weight Adjustment

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has proposed a 2.75% across-the-board rate reduction for home health services for each of 2008, 2009, and 2010. This reduction is based on an allegation that the "case mix weight" that is used to calculate payment rates has increased unrelated to changes in patient characteristics. Over five years, this proposal would reduce outlays for home health by \$5.16 Billion.

HCIS 2005 Data Set for Medicare Home Health							Colorado
National Data Set			Projected Losses H.R. 3162 (SCHIP/Medicare Bill)		Projected Losses from Case Mix Weight Adjustment		
Total National Reimbursement			FY 2008	FY 2008-12	FY 2008	FY 2008-12	
\$12,885,434,991			(\$410M)	(\$2.6B)	(\$400M)	(\$5.16B)	
District and State Data Set			Projected Losses H.R. 3162 (SCHIP/Medicare Bill)		Projected Losses from Case Mix Weight Adjustment		
Colorado	Medicare Reimbursement	% of National Reimbursement	FY 2008	FY 2008-12	FY 2008	FY 2008-12	
Diana DeGette (D-CO-01)	\$31,399,189	0.2437%	(\$999,170)	(\$6,336,200)	(\$974,800)	(\$12,574,920)	
Mark Udall (D-CO-02)	\$6,889,030	0.0535%	(\$219,350)	(\$1,391,000)	(\$214,000)	(\$2,760,600)	
John T. Salazar (D-CO-03)	\$26,839,763	0.2083%	(\$854,030)	(\$5,415,800)	(\$833,200)	(\$10,748,280)	
Marilyn N. Musgrave (R-CO-04)	\$15,019,454	0.1166%	(\$478,060)	(\$3,031,600)	(\$466,400)	(\$6,016,560)	
Doug Lamborn (R-CO-05)	\$8,979,219	0.0697%	(\$285,770)	(\$1,812,200)	(\$278,800)	(\$3,596,520)	
Thomas G. Tancredo (R-CO-06)	\$13,819,713	0.1073%	(\$439,930)	(\$2,789,800)	(\$429,200)	(\$5,536,680)	
Ed Perlmutter (D-CO-07)	\$4,749,041	0.0369%	(\$151,290)	(\$959,400)	(\$147,600)	(\$1,904,040)	
All of Colorado	\$107,695,409	0.8358%	(\$3,426,780)	(\$21,730,800)	(\$3,343,200)	(\$43,127,280)	