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# Home Care Association of Colorado Management Report

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## **CALL TO ACTION: Congressional Medicare Package Stalls**

The U.S. Senate failed on June 26th to pass the pending Medicare package to ensure home health and hospice inflation updates and reinstate the "rural add on."

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The House bill that was considered by the Senate would preserve the home health and hospice inflation updates under current law, but unfortunately did not include a reinstatement of the rural differential, commonly referred to as the "rural add on." The failure of the House bill in the Senate means that there is a new opportunity to get a reinstatement of the home health rural add on into a compromise package likely to be voted on in July.

**Click below to learn how you can take action during the July 4th congressional recess!**

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## **25 Million Miles Driven by Colorado Home Care Providers Annually!**

A new study released last week reports that Colorado nurses, therapists and home care aides drive nearly 25 million miles each year in providing three million health care visits to an estimated 65,000 chronically ill, elderly and disabled Coloradans.

According to Sonya Neumann, president of the Home Care Association of Colorado, the study was conducted in light of the escalating gasoline prices that are threatening home care agencies' ability to reach their patients. "Assuming an average consumption of 20 mpg, and an average price of

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gas topping \$4 per gallon, the state's home care agencies will spend \$2.5 Million more on transportation this year than just one year ago" she said.

Click below to read entire article on how escalating gas prices are affecting cost and access to home care in our state...

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## **"Wound Coding..." by Lisa Selman-Holman: July 31, 2008**

**"Wound Coding-Demystifying Wound Types, Complications and Code Selection"**  
**Thursday, July 31st, 2008**  
**11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mountain Time**

A 90-Minute Lunch & Learn Audio-Conference (designed & beneficial for all providers, including private duty!)

**Presenter:**  
**Lisa Selman-Holman,**  
**JD, BSN, RN, HCS-D, COS- C**  
**Selman-Holman & Associates, LLC, Denton, TX**

Assessing clinicians and home care coders have a myriad of criteria to consider when describing and coding wounds. OASIS, the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel and Official Coding Guidelines all have to be considered. New guidelines, pressure ulcer codes and the appropriateness of V codes for post-op patients will be discussed as well as the correct coding of OASIS and diagnosis coding for all types of wounds. Best of all, there will be time at the end for questions to Lisa so get your most difficult wound situations ready for answers!

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