

Alliance Advocacy Priorities

BETTER ACCESS TO CARE AT HOME

- **Traditional Medicare** home health reimbursement cuts reversed
- **Medicare Advantage** enrollees access to home health at least equivalent to Traditional Medicare
- **New options for home health** for Medicare beneficiaries with long-term / high-risk chronic care needs
- **Hospice reform** preserves reimbursement and creates innovation opportunities including comprehensive care for people with life-limiting illness who continue to seek active treatment
- **Medicaid home care services** access preserved through ending the 80-20 rule and rejecting restrictions that could negatively impact home care eligibility, access, or reimbursement
- **New policies** that provide relief to family caregivers, including both unpaid caregivers and those privately funding care services for their loved ones, to offset caregiving expenses

IMPROVED QUALITY AND SAFETY IN CARE AT HOME

- **Hospice “Special Focus Program”** criteria revised to target hospices not meeting program requirements
- **Telehealth options** in Medicare hospice and home health programs that promote physician and primary care clinician engagement and continuous access to care at home teams
- **Increased provider participation** in Medicare hospice and home health quality reporting programs
- **Medicare hospice** and home health quality and consumer experience measures appropriately risk adjusted
- **Workforce policies** that support more people choosing careers in care at home

AN END TO FRAUD AND EXPLOITATION IN THE CARE AT HOME INDUSTRY

- **Targeted Moratoria** on new hospice and home health providers in states with evidence of fraudulent abuse of new provider numbers
- **CMS completes** all required hospice surveys within the 36 month window required by law
- **CMS promptly** identifies and shuts down sham hospice operations and quickly addresses beneficiary status if impacted by fraud
- **Improve oversight** of Medicaid home care services by implementing nationwide EVV interoperability standards
- **Improve Medicare enrollment screening** of new hospice providers ensuring they meet required conditions of participation.
- **Enhance data interoperability standards** to improve detection and facilitate increased reporting of fraudulent operators

