

BILL	BRIEF SUMMARY	SPONSORS	STATUS
HR 1676/S 693 Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act	Require HHS to provide support for palliative care and hospice education centers.	Rep. Eliot Engel (D-N.Y.) and Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.)	Passed the House and is in the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions as of July 24, 2018; died in committee.
HR 1825/S 445 Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act	Allow Medicare payment for home health services ordered by a nurse practitioner, a clinical nurse specialist, a certified nurse-midwife or a physician assistant.	Rep. Chris Collins (R-N.Y.) and Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine)	Died in committee.
HR 2445 DMEPOS Access and Transparency Act of 2017 (DATA Act of 2017)	Apply prior authorization process to high-cost DME items.	Rep. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.)	Died in committee; however, CMS implemented a nationwide prior authorization program for select DMEPOS and added power mobility devices in September 2018.
HR 2797/S 1334 Patient Choice and Quality Care Act of 2017	Require CMS to create and test new Medicare model for advanced illness and care management for Medicare patients to better engage in care goals.	Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-Or.) and Sen. Mark Warner (D. Va.)	Died in committee.
HR 3759/S 1028 RAISE Family Caregivers Act of 2017	Direct HHS to form a council for supporting family caregivers.	Rep. Gregg Harper (R-Miss.) and Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine)	Signed by President Trump on Jan. 22, 2018. Public law No. 115-119.
HR 4229 Protecting HOME Access Act of 2017	Roll back reimbursement rates to Jan. 1, 2016 levels through Dec. 31, 2018, for rural and non-bid area HME suppliers.	Rep. Kathy McMorris-Rodgers (R-Wash.) and Rep. Dave Loebsack (D-Iowa)	Died in committee; however, many desired provisions were seen in the CMS ESRD/DMEPOS final rule issued Nov. 1, 2018. Stakeholders will continue advocating for relief in the next Congress.
HR 1284/S 2214 The Medicare Patient Access to Hospice Act	Allow physician assistants to serve as attending physician for hospice patients.	Rep. Lynn Jenkins (R-Kan.) and Sen. Michael Enzi (R-Wyo.)	Passed as part of larger budget measure, Feb. 9, 2018.
HR 6932/S 3458/S 3545 Home Health Payment Innovation Act of 2018	Address CMS assumptions that home health providers will up-code and add visits to LUPA cases; remove ability to adjust rates based on assumptions; allow waivers to homebound requirement (S 3545).	Rep. Ralph Lee Abraham (R-La.) and Sen. John Kennedy (R-La.)(S 3458) Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine)	Died in committee. NAHC is continuing advocacy for these changes as the PDGM deadline approaches in 2020.
HR 7217 Improving Medicaid Programs and Opportunities for Eligible Beneficiaries (IMPROVE) Act	Exclude complex rehab manual wheelchairs from the competitive bid program and an 18-month delay of CB pricing for CRT accessories.	Rep. Joe Barton (R-Texas)	Introduced Dec. 6, 2018, and placed on the House suspension calendar, a method of suspending the normal rules of order in order to pass non-controversial measures prior to adjournment. Passed the House by a vote of 400–11, moved to the Senate under the hotline process.
HR 1361/S 486 and HR 3730	Exempt manual and power group three CRT accessories.	Rep. Lee Zeldin (R-N.Y.), Sen. Bob Casey (D-Penn.)	Died in committee. CMS used its regulatory authority to exempt power Group 3 accessories in July 2017. HR 3730 focused solely on manual accessories.