A HOME HEALTH COPAYMENT IS WRONG FOR MEDICARE

A Home Health Copayment:

1) would be a "sick tax" falling most heavily on the oldest, sickest, poorest seniors;

2) will shift seniors to more costly hospital or nursing home settings, increasing Medicare and Medicaid costs;

3) was repealed in 1972 because of the burden it placed on vulnerable seniors, collection costs, and the services it shifted to more costly settings.

Medicare savings can be achieved through thoughtful and targeted reforms—not the imposition of a home health copayment.