

Talking Points
Cosigning Letter to CMS:
Remote Monitoring Pilot Project for Innovation Center

Objective: Ask that the Member of Congress cosign a letter being circulated by Reps. Tim Walz of Minnesota and Ginny Brown-Waite of Florida that would ask the newly created Innovation Center at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to select a remote monitoring demonstration project in order to test innovate ways to deliver health care services.

Background:

- The recently passed health care reform bill established a new Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (Innovation Center) within CMS to use demonstration projects to test and develop new models to improve the delivery of health care through the use of technology and innovative care delivery models.
- Innovation Center can assist in the creation of more effective ways to care for chronically ill, acute and non-acute patients, and improve the quality, safety and efficiency in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.
- Letter from Reps. Walz and Brown-Waite urges the Innovation Center to select a demonstration project that incorporates the delivery of services through the use of remote telehealth monitoring.
- This remote monitoring demonstration project could be similar to the provisions of HR 3030/S.457, the Fostering Independence Through Technology Act which combines home health care and remote monitoring.

Talking Points:

- Reps. Tim Walz and Ginny Brown-Waite are circulating a letter for signature that would go to the Innovation Center at CMS.
- The letter stresses the importance and success of remote monitoring in the delivery of health care, particularly to the homebound.
- Reps. Walz and Brown Waite are looking for other Members to join in urging the Innovation Center to select a demonstration project that includes remote monitoring for home health.
- This letter is being supported by the National Association of Home Care & Hospice, the Home Care Technology Association of America, and the Telehealth Leadership Initiative.