



# ***E-Alliance Extra***

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Members:

**Your help is needed.** Senator McCaskill and Senator Blunt have not signed the Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act (S. 578). Only three of MO's Congressional Delegation have signed the House Bill (H.R. 1342). Thanks to those three: Representatives Clay, Graves and Leutkemeyer. However we need them all to sign.

This is the bill that will allow nurse practitioners and physician assistants to order Medicare home health services. These Bills will help address a critical problem that America is dealing with today - 78 million Baby Boomers who are approaching retirement and not enough physicians to care for them all. Nurse Practitioners (NP) and Physicians' Assistants (PA) will play critical roles in the delivery of our nation's health care. Despite this expanded role of PAs and NPs, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) continues to prohibit non-physician health professionals from certifying home health services for Medicare beneficiaries.

Missouri needs this Bill to pass!

Visit this link to send a message to Senators McCaskill and Blunt and to your Congressional Rep. Better yet, call their office! (See numbers below)

Link to NAHC to send a message

<http://p2a.co/8YWPXyX>

### Phone Numbers:

Senator McCaskill 202 224-6154

Senator Blunt 202 224-5721

Rep. Cleaver 202 225-4535

Rep. Hartzler 202 225-2876

Rep. Long 202 225-6536

Rep. Smith 202 225-4404

Rep. Wagner 202 225-1621

Thank you,

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