

November 29, 2007

***CALL TO ACTION – Contact Congress on Medicare Ambulance Relief***

TO: NAEMT Members

FROM: Jerry Johnston, NAEMT President

RE: Medicare Ambulance Relief

**The time is now for you to write AND call your members of Congress regarding Medicare ambulance relief!**

Please contact your members of Congress in support of Medicare ambulance relief. During December, the U.S. Congress is scheduled to consider legislation to extend the temporary fix to the Medicare physician fee schedule and provide temporary relief to other Medicare providers including ambulance services. Additional Medicare funding for ambulance services will ensure that EMTs and paramedics have the necessary resources to continue to provide high-quality health care to the communities which we serve. Please send letters and make phone calls today!

**Writing Letters is Fast and Easy**

We have access to the American Ambulance Association online letter writing tool which will take only minutes for you to send letters to your members of Congress. All you will need to do is enter your zip code and the tool will determine your members of Congress and provide you with a draft letter. It will then e-mail or fax your letter for you.

**To access the online letter writing system, go to: <http://capwiz.com/the-aaa/home/>**

**Following Up By Phone is Also Fast and Easy**

The online letter writing tool can also be used to assist you in calling the offices of your members of Congress. All you will need to do is enter your zip code and the new tool will provide you with phone numbers for the Capitol Hill offices of your members of Congress as well as separate talking points depending on if you are calling a Senate or House office. You then just ask to speak to the legislative assistant for health care issues.

**To access the online phone call system, go to: <http://capwiz.com/the-aaa/home/>**

You can also access the letter writing and call system through the American Ambulance Association homepage at [www.the-aaa.org](http://www.the-aaa.org) by clicking on “Contact Congress on Medicare Relief” in the “On Capitol Hill” box. Please forward this e-mail to all of your EMT and paramedic colleagues. The more letters and calls that are made the better!

**Please Contact Your Members of Congress Today!**