

Example letter:

Dear Member of Congress:

I am your constituent and a Respiratory Care Practitioner in the State of Oklahoma.

The Senate and the House of Representatives are discussing the provisions of the 2008 Medicare package. The Senate version of the Medicare package includes the pulmonary rehab provisions that are part of S 329. The House version of the Medicare package does not include these same provisions, as found in HR 552, even though there are 213 co-sponsors for HR 552.

Pulmonary rehabilitation will improve the health of our patient in the State of Oklahoma which in turn will help decrease cost of health care. Our state has a significantly high incidence of pulmonary disease including tobacco addiction. Pulmonary rehabilitation is a comprehensive program to decrease morbidity and mortality of lung disease.

As your constituent, I ask that you make sure that the final House and Senate Medicare package includes the very important pulmonary rehab provisions.

Thank you.

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