



August 23, 2024

The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse
Chair, Committee on the Budget
530 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Ranking Member, Committee on the Budget
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senators Whitehouse and Grassley,

On behalf of our nearly 5,000 member companies, the [Home Care Association of America](#) (HCAOA) writes today in strong support of [S.114, the Preventive Health Savings Act](#), sponsored by [Senator Benjamin Cardin](#). The bill would require the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) to determine if proposed legislation would reduce spending outside of the 10-year budget window through the use of preventive health services (i.e. home care). If CBO determines that specific legislation would result in substantial spending reductions from the use of preventive health services, it must include those reductions in its projections. Doing so would more properly account for the cost savings home care services pass on to the broader health care economy. The bill's House companion, [H.R.766](#), passed on March 19, 2024.

Elderly Americans receiving home care (defined as assistance with activities of daily living, such as bathing, eating, and dressing) generally need fewer trips to doctors and hospitals. Home care complements existing health care services, alleviating pressure on the overall system, allowing more traditional models of care to be more effective. It also reduces our nation's health system costs by improving health outcomes, strengthening preventive care, and lowering hospital admissions and readmissions. The U.S. saved as much as \$25 billion in hospital costs alone due to the growth of home care services over the previous decade.¹

Accurately capturing a bill's true fiscal impact on the broader economy serves both the American people and Congress's duty as steward of the American tax dollar. HCAOA and its partners appreciate the opportunity to have our voice heard regarding the Preventive Health Savings Act and stand ready to assist the Committee in any way possible. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

On behalf of our home care providers, members, and stakeholders, thank you for your consideration of this important piece of legislation. We look forward to working with the Committee to ensure that the countless benefits of home care are considered when legislation is scored by CBO.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Lee".

Jason Lee, CEO
Home Care Association of America

¹ "New Study Sees Growing Home Health care As Key to Saving U.S. Billions in Hospital Costs." Available [here](#).