



## Issue Brief



### Medicare Adult Day Services Act of 2009 (H.R.3043)

#### Issue:

- A recent New England Journal of Medicine article reported that 20 percent of Medicare beneficiaries who were discharged from the hospital were readmitted within 30 days, and that 12 percent of those readmissions were preventable.
- The number of older adults in the United States is dramatically growing and this population, including the 78 million aging baby boomers, will require more cost-effective, quality-oriented community-based options.
- The number of caregivers who work and care for individuals with Alzheimer's disease, and other types of dementia, is growing, yet there are only a few post-acute options that help these caregivers continue their valuable work. Adult day services allow them to continue their work by providing comprehensive health and social services to the elderly and disabled and respite care to family caregivers.

#### Solution:

- The Medicare Adult Day Services Act of 2009 allows Medicare beneficiaries to use adult day service programs that are certified, licensed, or accredited under an approved accreditation agency to provide post-acute services under Medicare.
- Medicare adult day services agencies would be required to provide the same services, and follow the same strict regulations under the prospective payment system and conditions of participation as Medicare-certified home health agencies.
- The Medicare Adult Day Services Act of 2009 would require Medicare adult day service programs to collect and submit the same quality data as Medicare-certified home health agencies.
- The Medicare Adult Day Services Act of 2009 would allow Medicare adult day service programs to be reimbursed at 98 percent of the Medicare-certified home health rate thus saving Medicare dollars.
- Medicare beneficiaries will be able to receive more services and hours of care for a lower, all-inclusive rate than is currently available through post acute providers. Services covered in the bundled adult day services rate would include: nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapy, social services, personal care, as well as meals, transportation, and recreational activities.

We hope that you will join Representative Linda Sánchez (CA-39) in supporting this bill. To co-sponsor this important piece of legislation, please contact Rep. Sánchez's Legislative Director, Celeste Drake, [celeste.drake@mail.house.gov](mailto:celeste.drake@mail.house.gov), (202) 225-6676.

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### National Supporting Organizations:

American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AAHSA)  
American Medical Women's Association  
American Academy of Neurology Professional Association  
Alzheimer's Foundation of America  
Easter Seals  
National Adult Day Services Association (NADSA)  
National Council on Aging (NCOA)  
National Family Caregiver Association  
National Respite Coalition  
Project Lifesaver International

### State Adult Day and Aging Services Associations:

Adult Day Health Care Council of New York  
Adult Day Care Association of Texas  
Adult Day Service Providers of New Hampshire  
Aging Services of Georgia  
Alaska Adult Day Services Association  
Arizona Adult Day Services Association  
Arkansas Adult Day Services Association  
California Association for Adult Day Services  
Colorado Association of Homes and Services for the Aging  
Florida Adult Day Care Association  
Hawaii Adult Day Association  
Illinois Adult Day Service Association  
Indiana Association of Adult Day Services  
Iowa Adult Day Services  
Kansas Adult Day Services Association  
Kentucky Association of Adult Day Centers  
Louisiana Adult Day Association  
Maryland Association of Adult Day Services  
Massachusetts Adult Day Services Association  
Michigan Adult Day Services Association  
Minnesota Adult Day Services Association  
Missouri Adult Day Services Association  
Nebraska Association of Homes and Services for the Aging  
New Jersey Adult Day Services Association  
North Carolina Adult Day Services Association  
Ohio Association of Adult Day Services  
Pennsylvania Adult Day Services Association  
Rhode Island Association of Facilities and Services for the Aging  
South Carolina Adult Day Services Association  
South Dakota Adult Day Services Association  
Tennessee Association for Adult Day Services  
Vermont Adult Day Services Association  
Washington Adult Day Services Association  
Wisconsin Adult Day Services Association

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