



Missouri Alliance for HOME CARE

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Ron Levy, Director
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Director Levy,

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Missouri Alliance for Home Care, I am writing to express our concern about the state's unwillingness to remove the requirement that a person be homebound to qualify for home health services.

CMS, then HCFA, removed the homebound requirement in 2000 and only Missouri has chosen to continue with the requirement. It is our belief that by its decision, Missouri is denying access to a mandatory Medicaid service for individuals who are entitled to the care they need from a home health agency.

We hope that you will reconsider your position and seek a state plan amendment to remove the requirement.

Sincerely,

Mary Schantz
Executive Director

Cc: MAHC Board of Directors
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