

**E-MAIL YOUR CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS TODAY TO  
SUPPORT RECOGNITION OF RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS UNDER THE  
MEDICARE HOME HEALTH SERVICES BENEFIT**

Go the AARC's web site at [www.aarc.org](http://www.aarc.org).

Click on the "Write to Congress" button in the right hand column.

Type in your zip code.

Fill in the required spaces and then type in your message using the following talking points:

- \* Introduce yourself as a respiratory therapist (or a respiratory patient). Describe the type of patient you treat (or your condition).**
- \* Describe how access to respiratory therapists would benefit homebound pulmonary patients.**
- \* Ask your congressional member to support recognition of respiratory therapists under the Medicare home health services benefit as outlined in H.R. 2905.**
- \* Explain that recognizing respiratory therapists would give home health agencies the option of using respiratory therapists, but not mandate their use.**
- \* Emphasize that home health agencies could meet patient needs without adding costs to the Medicare program.**
- \* Urge them to contact Jill Eicher at the American Association for Respiratory Care if they have questions or need more information. Contact information is [eicher@aarc.org](mailto:eicher@aarc.org) or 703-548-8538.**

Thanks for your help. Your participation not only helps homebound patients receive the care they need, but helps to strengthen the profession as well.