



The Nation's Advocacy Voice for In-Office Infusion

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Maine Joint Committee on Health and Human Services
210 State Street
Augusta, ME 04333

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Re: Support for LD 2196

Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of the National Infusion Center Association (NICA), we urge you to support LD 2196 to help reduce unnecessary administrative barriers that delay care and disrupt treatment for patients who rely on infusion therapy and other complex medical treatments.

NICA is a nonprofit organization formed to support non-hospital, community-based infusion centers caring for patients in need of infused and injectable medications. To improve access to medical benefit drugs that treat complex, rare, and chronic diseases, we work to ensure that patients can receive these therapies in high-quality, non-hospital care settings. NICA supports policies that improve drug affordability for beneficiaries, increase price transparency, reduce disparities in quality of care and safety across care settings, and enable care delivery in the highest-quality, lowest-cost setting.

Infusion providers regularly care for patients with chronic and complex conditions who depend on consistent treatment schedules to maintain their health. These therapies often require extensive prior authorization processes, and repeated approval requirements can create significant administrative burdens for providers while delaying care for patients. When approvals must be repeatedly renewed or coverage changes occur unexpectedly, providers must devote substantial time and resources to navigating insurance requirements rather than focusing on delivering care.

Administrative barriers and sudden coverage disruptions can have serious consequences for patients receiving infusion therapy. Many infusion medications are part of carefully coordinated treatment plans designed to manage chronic illness, prevent disease progression, and avoid complications that could lead to hospitalization. Interruptions in therapy can undermine those treatment plans and place patients at unnecessary risk.



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LD 2196 represents an important step toward improving treatment stability for patients while reducing unnecessary administrative complexity for providers. By strengthening continuity-of-care protections and limiting excessive authorization renewals, this legislation would help ensure that providers can maintain consistent treatment schedules for patients who rely on ongoing therapies.

Infusion centers across the country are committed to delivering safe, high-quality care in community settings that are often more convenient and cost-effective for patients. Policies that streamline administrative requirements allow providers to focus their efforts where they matter most: on patient care.

We respectfully urge the committee to support LD 2196 and help ensure that patients who rely on infusion therapy can maintain access to consistent, medically necessary treatment. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Nyquist". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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