



## **ACTION ALERT – HR 621 MEDICARE HOME OXYGEN EQUIPMENT**

**Home Oxygen Protection Act** of 2007 HR 621 amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to restore Medicare treatment of ownership of oxygen equipment that existed prior to the enactment of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. HR 621 Repeals: (1) the limitation of Medicare payment to the supplier for such equipment (including portable oxygen equipment) to 36 months of continuous use; and (2) the requirement that the equipment supplier transfer title to the individual at the end of such period, with payments continuing at specified monthly rates. The bill currently has 65 cosponsors.

### **Representative Tom Price (R-GA) introduces legislation to repeal a new provision requiring Medicare beneficiaries to take ownership of oxygen equipment after 36 months of rental**

YOU can help to make this legislation successful. HR 621 the Home Oxygen Patient Protection Act of 2007 amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to restore Medicare treatment of ownership of oxygen equipment that existed prior to the enactment of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. HR 621 Repeals: (1) the limitation of Medicare payment to the supplier for such equipment (including portable oxygen equipment) to 36 months of continuous use; and (2) the requirement that the equipment supplier transfer title to the individual at the end of such period, with payments continuing at specified monthly rates.

Join the Alpha-1 Association and Alpha-1 Foundation by taking action today. By voicing your support for the Act to your elected officials in Congress, you can help oxygen dependent Medicare beneficiaries.

It is simple to take action:

Call your elected official in the House of Representatives and ask for him/her to cosponsor HR 621 the Home Oxygen Patient Protection Act of 2007. Make sure you tell him/her that:

- you are a constituent,
- this issue is vital to you personally or to your community,
- this issue is important to all Americans, and
- you expect your elected official to take a stand in support of this legislation.

Who is my representative? Visit [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) and enter your zip code in the small box at the top and click “GO”. The next page will direct you to your representative.