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SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE STIMULUS PACKAGE OMITS

Long-Term Care Hospital MMSEA Technical Amendments

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Today, the Senate Finance Committee released its stimulus package. It does not contain any of the technical corrections to the long-term care hospital (LTCH) provisions of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 (“MMSEA”). The LTCH provisions may be added later by amendment. The stimulus package is scheduled for mark-up by the Senate on Tuesday, January 27, 2009. **NALTH requests its members to contact their Senators immediately to urge them to support the inclusion of the LTCH technical corrections in the Senate stimulus package.** As you know, these technical corrections are important to correct a number of unintended errors in MMSEA and to preserve the protections Congress intended to afford to LTCHs and the Medicare patients they serve. The LTCH technical corrections benefit approximately 75% of LTCHs in the nation.

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