

## Suggested Phone Script

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*When speaking with members of Congress or staff, please keep your discussion brief and centered on the main points below.*

### **When speaking to scheduler/assistant –**

- Good morning/afternoon. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a [position] at [facility], a nursing home in [town]. I would like to speak with your health legislative assistant about the impact of recent and proposed Medicare cuts will have on nursing home care in our [state/district].

### **When speaking with legislative assistant –**

- Good morning/afternoon. My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am a [position] at [facility], a nursing home in [town]. Thank you for speaking with me. I am calling because I am extremely concerned about the negative impact Medicare cuts proposed in Congress will have on nursing home care in our [state/district].
- Although I fully support what Congress is striving to accomplish with health care reform, the cuts now under consideration would cut Medicare funding for seniors in nursing homes by more than \$32 billion. This is in addition to \$12 billion in cuts just imposed by the Obama Administration. This combination of cuts is simply not sustainable.
- I can tell you first hand that these cuts would force deep reductions in jobs and negatively impact seniors' care quality. It is an unfair burden to place on our most vulnerable seniors relying on Medicare for their nursing home care. And in [state] alone, cuts will amount to \$\_\_\_\_\_ \* less in funding for nursing home care.
- I ask that Congress stop further cuts for nursing home care, taking into consideration the already deep cuts implemented, and ensure that total funding for nursing home care remains adequate to protect caregiver jobs and ensure quality.
- Can you tell me if the Congressman/Congresswoman has taken on a position on the bill?
- Thank you again for your time.

*\*NOTE: AHCA will provide a link to state/district data to fill in the above script.*