



## **H.R. 4993, *Joe Fiandra Access to Home Infusion Act***

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### **Background:**

- **6 in 10 Americans live with a chronic disease and 4 in 10 have two or more.**
  - Fortunately, **new and innovative technologies** coming to market have the potential to greatly improve treatments for those with chronic conditions.
- For example, **Amyloidosis is a previously fatal disease** that now has multiple treatment options, many of which are administered via infusion.
  - **Amyloidosis affects nearly 200,000** patients across the U.S. and is among the many rare diseases that **affect in total over 30 million Americans**.
  - The disease **now has multiple infusion treatments available** to prevent against the fatal symptoms such as organ failure and debilitating neurological conditions.
- **Army veteran Joe Fiandra, who this policy is named for**, suffered from Amyloidosis and was confined to a wheelchair, limiting his ability to travel to his doctor's office for infusions.
  - Joe Fiandra encountered many difficulties during his fight with Amyloidosis that **delayed treatment, increased time receiving treatments, and heightened his stress**, resulting in a worse course of care.
- Unfortunately, **Medicare currently does not cover certain drug infusions in the home**, including those that treat Amyloidosis. Instead, if a Medicare beneficiary needs to receive these drugs, their **only coverage option is to travel to a doctor's office** for an infusion.

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- **Guarantees coverage of self-administered home infusion pumps and associated drugs** under Medicare by clarifying relevant definitions.
- Additionally, **educates Medicare enrollees** on any cost sharing differences of choosing to receive drugs via home infusion.