

I voted Yes on H.R. 1845, the Medicare IVIG Access Act.

The bill would establish a three-year Medicare demonstration project to provide in-home coverage under Medicare Part B for beneficiaries with diseases that require intravenous immune globulin (IVIG) services and supplies.

Medicare Part B beneficiaries currently receive comprehensive coverage for IVIG treatments if prescribed by a physician and provided in a physician office or hospital outpatient setting. This legislation would create a pilot program to provide coverage for these treatments in a beneficiary's own home, which is often the most cost-effective setting in which to provide certain care. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office projects this legislation would reduce Medicare spending by \$45 million over 10 years.

I support this demonstration program to bring new innovations and cost-efficient measures to the Medicare program.

The bill was approved by a vote of 401 – 3.