



NADSA Public Policy Alert

NADSA response to the October 8, 2024 Harris/Walz Medicare Home Care Proposal

Statement from NADSA Board of Director's Chair Bill Zagorski:

“The rapidly aging population of our country continues to seek solutions to the crisis in long-term care. The demand for high quality, affordable, and accessible services and supports allowing aging Americans to remain living at home or in the community is growing exponentially. Yesterday’s Medicare Home Care Proposal announcement by Vice President Harris to expand Medicare coverage to assist families who are providing care for their senior family members is an exciting and unique first step in addressing these needs. Adding non-residential, long-term care options (home and community-based services, i.e., HCBS) will better allow millions of Americans to continue to age in place. In addition to home care, Medicare should include Adult Day Services as a Medicare benefit. As an established model, Adult Day Services alleviate the workforce limitations experienced in home care, while providing services in a social environment, effectively eliminating social isolation and loneliness. Adult Day Services already provides the highest quality and most cost-effective care option for hundreds of thousands of adults nationwide and has the ability today to serve hundreds of thousands more as well as affording family caregivers the much-needed respite and support they need to remain in the workforce or engage in the community and still prioritize overall family care.”