

## Supplemental Oxygen Access Reform SOAR Act (H.R. 2902/S. 1406)

**We urge members of Congress to cosponsor the Supplemental Oxygen Access Reform, SOAR Act H.R. 2902/S. 1406** to ensure anyone who requires supplemental oxygen can access the most appropriate type of oxygen for their needs.

**More than 1.5 million people in the U.S. rely on supplemental oxygen but often lack access to the equipment that best meets their medical needs.**

Patients with advanced pulmonary diseases often require high flow oxygen (6-liters per minute or more). After Medicare's competitive bidding program reduced reimbursement for liquid oxygen, most suppliers stopped providing it and switched to cheaper compressed oxygen tanks.

For perspective: compressed tanks are bulky and typically last only **one to two hours**, while portable liquid oxygen systems are lightweight, backpack-friendly, and can provide oxygen for **up to six hours**.

### PATIENT IMPACT:

Without access to lightweight, portable, high flow oxygen **many patients are effectively homebound unable to work, travel safely, or engage in daily activities outside the home.**

### HEALTHCARE COST IMPACT:

A 2026 published survey shows that the **lack of appropriate home oxygen equipment is delaying hospital discharges nationwide.** Patients who are medically ready to go home often remain hospitalized for days simply because medically necessary high flow oxygen equipment is unavailable.

[Widespread Hospital Discharge Delays Due to Lack of Adequate Home Oxygen Access](#)

### THE SOAR ACT WILL:

- ✓ Create a patient centered Medicare oxygen benefit, including a Supplemental Oxygen Patient Bill of Rights.
- ✓ Remove supplemental oxygen from Medicare's competitive bidding program restoring access to medically necessary liquid oxygen and other portable systems.
- ✓ Help to eliminate unnecessary hospital stays and costs associated with them.
- ✓ Strengthen program integrity through standardized documentation and fraud prevention safeguards.
- ✓ Ensure appropriate reimbursement for respiratory therapist services and patient education.

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