

## WHO WE ARE

The Council for Quality Respiratory Care (CQRC) is a coalition of the nation’s leading home oxygen therapy provider and manufacturing companies. Together, we provide in-home patient services and respiratory equipment to nearly **3 million patients** who rely on home oxygen therapy to maintain their independence and enhance their quality of life, including a majority of Medicare’s home respiratory beneficiaries. Our member companies also employ nearly **30,000 healthcare professionals** nationwide.

## OUR MISSION

Our members are committed to providing high quality in-home patient services and respiratory equipment to individuals who rely on home oxygen and sleep therapy to maintain

## THE ISSUE

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services uses a competitive bidding program to set the rates for Medicare reimbursement for home respiratory services. This system divides service areas into different payment rates: competitive. Despite adjustments to the program, CMS is still applying competitive bidding rates determined under an older methodology to non-competitively bid areas (CBAs), which we fear will harm patients due to the increased costs of providing home oxygen supplies and services in those markets. e bidding, rural and non-competitive bidding areas.

CMS must ensure rates are properly set to protect access to home oxygen services and stabilize the market, especially for beneficiaries living in rural and underserved markets.

## CQRC IN NORTH CAROLINA

**114,905** Patients

**735** Employees

Treating patients in urban & rural areas, including:

- Albemarle
- Arden
- Asheboro
- Asheville
- Bolivia
- Boone
- Brevard
- Cary
- Charlotte
- Clinton
- Conover
- Durham
- Elizabeth City
- Fayetteville
- Franklin
- Gastonia
- Goldsboro
- Greensboro
- Greenville
- Henderson
- Hendersonville
- Hickory
- High Point
- Lenoir
- Lexington
- Lincolnton
- Monroe
- Morrisville
- Mount Airy
- Murphy
- New Bern
- North Wilkesboro
- Raleigh
- Rocky Mount
- Waynesville
- Whiteville
- Wilkesboro
- Williamston
- Winston Salem

