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**AMERICAN HOMEPATIENT PROVIDES ESTIMATED IMPACT OF RECENTLY
ISSUED 2005 OXYGEN REIMBURSEMENT FEE SCHEDULE**

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (April 5, 2005) – American HomePatient, Inc. (OTCBB: AHOM) has completed an assessment of the estimated adverse revenue impact of the reimbursement reductions associated with the recently announced oxygen reimbursement fee schedule for 2005.

On March 30, 2005, the 2005 fee schedule for home oxygen was released by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The revised fee schedule amounts will be implemented no later than April 8, 2005. Claims received after the implementation date will be paid at the 2005 rates, and claims received prior to the implementation date that were paid using the 2004 rates will not be adjusted retroactively. Had the reimbursement reductions associated with the new fee schedule been in effect for the same time period in 2004 as they will be for 2005, the Company estimates that revenue for 2004 would have been reduced by approximately \$6.2 million. Management is working to reduce the impact of these and other recent reimbursement reductions, including initiatives to grow revenues, improve productivity, and reduce costs. For additional information regarding reimbursement reductions and the Company's response, please see the Company's 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K recently filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

American HomePatient, Inc. is one of the nation's largest home health care providers with 276 centers in 35 states. Its product and service offerings include respiratory services, infusion therapy, parenteral and enteral nutrition, and medical equipment for patients in their home. American HomePatient, Inc.'s common stock is currently traded in the over-the-counter market

or, on application by broker-dealers, in the NASD's Electronic Bulletin Board under the symbol AHOM or AHOM.OB.

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