

December 5, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell and Leader McCarthy,

The undersigned organizations, representing over one million physician and non-physician health care clinicians and the patients they serve, strongly urge Congressional action to prevent the **entire 4.5% reduction to Medicare payment rates** from being implemented on January 1, 2023. This desperately needed relief will help provide financial stability for practices until permanent payment reforms are established.

On top of this nearly 4.5% Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) payment cut, medical practices throughout the country are experiencing significant inflationary pressures. Since the MPFS is the only payment system within Medicare lacking an annual inflationary update, clinicians, many of whom are small business owners, contend with a wide range of shifting economic factors — such as staff salaries, building rent, and purchase of essential technology — when determining their ability to provide care to Medicare beneficiaries.

We cannot overstate the importance of Congress stopping the entirety of the upcoming 4.5% reduction. Anything less will result in an across-the-board cut that will further exacerbate the significant financial hardship clinicians are already facing and undermine Medicare's ability to deliver on its promises to seniors and future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

Advion (Formerly known as the National Association for the Support of Long Term Care (NASL))

Alliance for Physical Therapy Quality and Innovation

Alliance for Recovery Care

Alliance of Specialty Medicine

Alliance of Woundcare Stakeholders

Ambulatory Surgery Center Association

American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology  
American Academy of Audiology  
American Academy of Dermatology Association  
American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery  
American Academy of Family Physicians  
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine  
American Academy of Neurology  
American Academy of Ophthalmology  
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology  
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons  
American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery  
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
American Association of Hip & Knee Surgeons  
American Association of Neurological Surgeons  
American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology  
American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons  
American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing  
American Chiropractic Association  
American College of Cardiology  
American College of Emergency Physicians  
American College of Gastroenterology  
American College of Mohs Surgery  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians  
American College of Osteopathic Internists  
American College of Physicians  
American College of Radiation Oncology  
American College of Radiology  
American College of Rheumatology  
American College of Surgeons

American Gastroenterological Association  
American Health Care Association  
American Medical Association  
American Medical Group Association  
American Occupational Therapy Association  
American Optometric Association  
American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society  
American Osteopathic Association  
American Physical Therapy Association  
American Podiatric Medical Association  
American Psychiatric Association  
American Psychological Association Services, Inc  
American Society for Dermatologic Surgery  
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy  
American Society for Radiation Oncology  
American Society for Surgery of the Hand  
American Society of Anesthesiologists  
American Society of Breast Surgeons  
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery  
American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons  
American Society of Diagnostic and Interventional Nephrology  
American Society of Echocardiography  
American Society of Hand Therapists  
American Society of Nephrology  
American Society of Neuroradiology  
American Society of Nuclear Cardiology  
American Society of Retina Specialists  
American Society of Transplant Surgeons  
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
American Urogynecologic Society

Association for Clinical Oncology  
Association for Freestanding Radiation Oncology Centers  
Association for Quality Imaging  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Black Cardiologists  
Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists  
Association of Pathology Chairs  
Association of Women in Rheumatology  
Brain Injury Association of America  
CardioVascular Coalition  
Clinical Social Work Association  
Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations  
College of American Pathologists  
Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
Dialysis Vascular Access Coalition  
Digestive Health Physicians Association  
Emergency Department Practice Management Association  
Heart Failure Society of America  
Infectious Diseases Society of America  
Infusion Providers Alliance  
Large Urology Group Practice Association  
Medical Group Management Association  
National Association of Rehabilitation Providers and Agencies  
National Association of Spine Specialists  
Outpatient Endovascular and Interventional Society  
Private Practice Section of the American Physical Therapy Association  
Radiology Business Management Association  
Renal Physicians Association  
Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions  
Society for Vascular Surgery

Society of Interventional Radiology

Society of NeuroInterventional Surgery

The US Oncology Network

United Specialists for Patient Access