

COVID-19: ROAD TO RECOVERY

President Biden signed [H.R. 1868](#) into law on April 14, extending the suspension of the 2% sequestration cuts to Medicare reimbursement through the end of 2021. ASCA advocated heavily for continuing the suspension.

Researchers at Emory University estimate that spring 2020 elective surgery stoppages will lead to a backlog of primary total hip arthroplasty (THA) and total knee arthroplasty (TKA) between 77,000 and 372,000 cases.

MIPS REACHES MATURITY

The Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS), Medicare's value-based payment program for physicians, will reach maturity in 2021 after five years of implementation. This means that physicians could see a maximum 9% payment penalty for failing to submit data.



HOST A FACILITY TOUR

ASCA's ASC tour program supports both in-person and virtual tours for members of Congress. Hosting facility tours is an invaluable way to educate members of Congress about ASCs and their issues, build relationships and get face time with crucial decision makers.

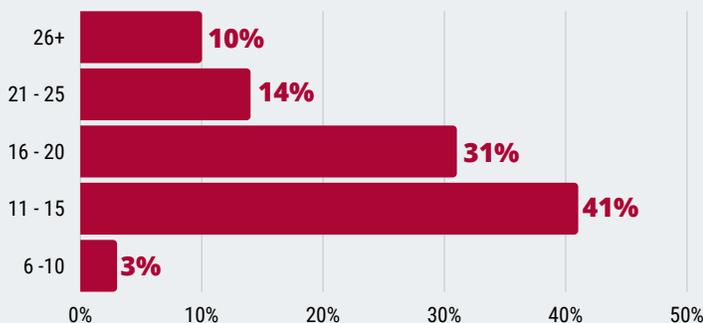
If you are interested, contact Adam Parker at aparker@ascassociation.org.

DEVICE MANUFACTURERS PAY PHYSICIANS MORE

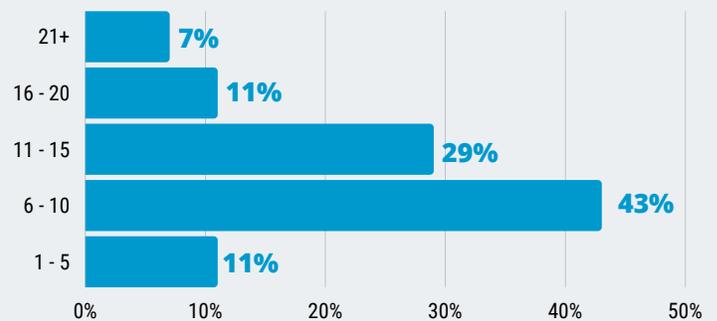
Although the medical device market is much smaller than the prescription drug market, device manufacturers spend seven times more of their revenue on physician payments compared to drug vendors. Top-billing surgical specialists receive upwards of \$10,000/year. This data comes from the April 2021 issue of *Health Affairs*.

WHAT DO ASC BUYERS WANT?

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Healthcare valuation and consulting firm HealthCare Appraisers recently released its [2021 ASC Valuation and Benchmarking Surveys](#). These graphs show responses on physician ownership from corporate ASC managers and health systems looking to acquire new ASCs.

View the full studies referenced here and subscribe at www.ascassociation.org/ascphysicianbrief.