December 5, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi                                      The Honorable Charles Schumer
Speaker                                                            Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives                                     U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20515                                              Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy                                      The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader                                                    Minority Leader
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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
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