AMA leads on Medicare reform

The Medicare payment system is on an unsustainable path, threatening patients’ access to physicians. From 2001-2023, Medicare physician payment has effectively been cut 26%, adjusted for inflation.

The AMA is working to block payment cuts, advocate for physicians and patients, and build long-term solutions.

How the AMA leads on Medicare reform

1. **Advocating for you**
   
   The AMA calls on Congress and federal agencies to increase physician payment stability, tie payment updates to inflation, and eliminate or minimize planned cuts.

2. **Educating physicians**
   
   The AMA shows how the current Medicare payment system is unsustainable—and how you can urge Congress to support solutions.

3. **Creating policy**
   
   The AMA creates policies through its House of Delegates that solidify and project the AMA’s stance on Medicare reform.

4. **Empowering members**
The AMA has developed a set of principles to guide advocacy efforts on Medicare physician payment reform (PDF).

5 Giving you a voice
The AMA provides a way to share your concerns about Medicare payment with members of Congress.

We need your help
Become a member and help the AMA fight to protect physician payment and patients’ access to care.

- The AMA offers members a wide range of benefits and discounts, as well as opportunities to add your voice to the effort.