AMA fights against Medicare cuts, defending practices & access to care

The American Medical Association achieved a significant victory following months of fierce advocacy. Congress acted to address the combined 9.75% in Medicare physician payment cuts, which amounted to a physician payment cliff and were set to take effect Jan. 1, 2022.

The wheels of Congress don’t always move quickly, but with our persistence, they moved toward preserving the viability of physician practices and maintaining access to care. Here’s the action AMA took on your behalf:

- **Led far-reaching** extensive grassroots campaigns—resulting in 250,000 emails and more than 8,100 phone calls to Congress, urging them to act
- **Presented a powerful, united front** at the federal level with a coalition of more than 120 state and specialty societies
- **Challenging Congress to work on systemic reforms** and make Medicare work better for you and your patients

We celebrate a win now, and we know our work will continue, fighting tirelessly against future cuts—and against all barriers to patient care. No matter what lies ahead, the AMA is your powerful ally.

**Learn more:** The AMA Physicians Grassroots Network has issued an action alert calling on physicians to contact their senators and ask them to “act to reverse devastating cuts.”

See the AMA’s updated specialty impact analysis (PDF) which factors in the Protecting Medicare & American Farmers from Sequester Cuts Act, which avoided a 4% statutory cut from the PAYGO provisions, extended the moratorium on the 2% Medicare payment sequester and mitigated the 3.75% Medicare physician payment cut. Note, the analysis is focused on the impact at the beginning of the year.

**What physicians need to know about AMA advocacy on Medicare pay cuts:** Senior Vice President of Advocacy Todd Askew discusses new legislation that averts a Medicare payment crisis in the latest AMA Moving Medicine video.