

November 11, 2020

The Honorable Ami Bera, MD  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Larry Bucshon, MD  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Brendan Boyle  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Abby Finkenauer  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable George Holding  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Roger Marshall, MD  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Phil Roe, MD  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Raul Ruiz, MD  
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Representatives Bera, Bucshon, Boyle, Finkenauer, Holding, Marshall, Roe and Ruiz:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, thank you for your leadership in introducing H.R. 8702, a bill to halt pending Medicare payment cuts resulting from the planned evaluation and management (E/M) code changes slated for implementation on January 1, 2021.

This critical legislation recognizes the importance of allowing significant scheduled pay increases to primary care and others who primarily provide E/M services to take effect while also avoiding the devastating corresponding cuts for physician and non-physician providers that will occur because of Medicare's budget neutrality requirements. Given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it is more important than ever to halt the implementation of any payment reductions that could inadvertently limit patient access to care as well as further exacerbate the financial instability of health care provider practices. **Our organizations support H.R. 8702 and its approach for providing two years of much-needed stability for Medicare providers as they continue to strive to meet the needs of patients during this public health emergency.**

We look forward to continued collaboration with you, your House colleagues, and Congressional leadership to advance H.R. 8702 in the next available legislative package. Again, thank you for your leadership in introducing legislation to prevent the forthcoming payment reductions generated by the budget neutrality requirements with the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule. If you have any questions, please contact Cynthia Moran (ACR, [cmoran@acr.org](mailto:cmoran@acr.org)), Katie Orrico (AANS, [korrico@neurosurgery.org](mailto:korrico@neurosurgery.org)) or Justin Elliott (APTA, [justinelliott@apta.org](mailto:justinelliott@apta.org)).

Sincerely,

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American Academy of Audiology  
American Academy of Dermatology Association  
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American Academy of Ophthalmology

American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology  
American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery  
American Association of Neurological Surgeons  
American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons  
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American College of Osteopathic Surgeons  
American College of Radiation Oncology  
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American College of Surgeons  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Health Care Association  
American Medical Association  
American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association  
American Occupational Therapy Association  
American Optometric Association  
American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society  
American Pediatric Surgical Association  
American Physical Therapy Association  
American Podiatric Medical Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association  
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy  
American Society for Radiation Oncology  
American Society of Anesthesiologists  
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery  
American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons  
American Society of Echocardiography  
American Society of Hand Therapists  
American Society of Neuroradiology  
American Society of Nuclear Cardiology  
American Society of Plastic Surgeons  
American Society of Retina Specialists  
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
American Urogynecologic Society  
Association for Quality Imaging  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of Black Cardiologists  
Association of Pathology Chairs  
CardioVascular Coalition  
Clinical Social Work Association  
College of American Pathologists

Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
Dialysis Vascular Access Coalition  
Digestive Health Physicians Association  
Medical Group Management Association  
National Association for the Support of Long Term Care  
National Association of Rehabilitation Providers and Agencies  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Association of Spine Specialists  
National Center for Assisted Living  
Private Practice Section of the American Physical Therapy Association  
Radiology Business Management Association  
Select Medical  
Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions  
Society for Vascular Surgery  
Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons  
Society of Gynecologic Oncology  
Society of Interventional Radiology  
Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging  
The American Society of Breast Surgeons  
The Society of Thoracic Surgeons  
United Specialists for Patient Access

cc: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
The Honorable Frank Pallone  
The Honorable Greg Walden  
The Honorable Richie Neal  
The Honorable Kevin Brady