

November 6, 2023

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-221, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
S-230, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
H-232, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Minority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
H-204, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Speaker Johnson, and Minority Leader Jeffries:

**On behalf of the 54 organizations representing physicians and other health care providers across the United States, we write to urge Congress to stop the 3.4% cut in Medicare physician payment that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently finalized in the Calendar Year 2024 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) final rule.** The agency acknowledges in the final rule that, due to budget neutrality requirements, the majority of the cut is created by the decision to increase payments for primary care services through the creation of the new G2211 code.

We acknowledge policymakers' desire for additional investments in primary care, however these increases are being paid for by an across-the-board cut to all clinicians. It is imperative that Medicare patients have access to the full range of essential health care services, including primary *and* specialty care. Further, clinicians are facing these cuts when they are expecting a 4.6% increase in medical practice cost inflation in 2024, as measured by the Medicare economic index.

**Therefore, in the absence of long-term reform, Congress must stop the full 3.4% cut.**

Sincerely,

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

ADVION (formerly known as National Association for the Support of Long Term Care)

Ambulatory Surgery Center Association

American Academy of Dermatology Association

American Academy of Emergency Medicine

American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine

American Academy of Ophthalmology

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 Orthopaedic Surgeons  
American Chiropractic Association  
American College of Emergency Physicians  
American College of Mohs Surgery  
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American College of Radiology  
American College of Surgeons  
American Health Care Association  
American Occupational Therapy Association  
American Optometric Association  
American Orthopaedic Foot & Ankle Society  
American Physical Therapy Association  
American Podiatric Medical Association  
American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association  
American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery  
American Society for Radiation Oncology  
American Society for Surgery of the Hand Professional Organization  
American Society of Anesthesiologists  
American Society of Breast Surgeons  
American Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgery  
American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons  
American Society of Hand Therapists  
American Society of Neuroradiology  
American Society of Plastic Surgeons  
American Society of Retina Specialists  
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
American Urogynecologic Society  
APTA Private Practice, a Section of the American Physical Therapy Association

Association of Pathology Chairs

California Medical Association

College of American Pathologists

Congress of Neurological Surgeons

Emergency Department Practice Management Association

Medical Society of the State of New York

National Association of Rehabilitation Providers and Agencies

National Center for Assisted Living

Physical Therapy Quality and Innovation

Society for Cardiovascular Angiography & Interventions

Society for Vascular Surgery

Society of Interventional Radiology

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons