

## STOP THE CUTS – AAAAI ADVOCACY ALERT

Please join the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) in urging Congress to address the impending Medicare reimbursement cuts before the end of the year.

Follow a few simple steps to e-mail your representative and senators so they know this issue is important to the constituents they represent – you and your patients.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- **IDENTIFY YOUR REPRESENTATIVE** Enter your zip code at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov). You may need to add your street address if your zip code includes more than one congressional district. Once you've identified your Representative you can click on their name, which links to their official website.
- **PREPARE YOUR MESSAGE** Use the message below or personalize it:

As a constituent and physician in your district, I write to urge Congress to act before the end of the year to prevent Medicare physician pay cuts. As you may know, on January 1<sup>st</sup> physicians face nearly a 4.5% cut due to budget neutrality in the physician fee schedule. In addition, a 4% PAYGO cut is expected to be triggered. These cuts are layered on top of the 2% Medicare sequester cuts that resumed on July 1.

H.R. 8800, the Supporting Medicare Providers Act, would address the nearly 4.5% fee schedule cut. It can help protect patient access to care and give physician practices financial stability and predictability.

I appreciate that Congress provided temporary relief in 2021 and 2022 to mitigate similar Medicare cuts. It's unfortunate that physicians once again face steep cuts. I urge your support to prevent the entire 4.5% reduction to Medicare payment rates, and the PAYGO cuts.

- **LOCATE WHERE TO SUBMIT MESSAGE** Your Representative's web page will include a "contact" or "email me" tab. Click on that to prepare your message for submission. The site will ask you to input your name, address, etc. to confirm that you are a constituent and provide information for a response. Some forms will ask you to identify an issue of concern, e.g., "health."
- **SUBMIT YOUR MESSAGE** – you can cut and paste your personalized message into the appropriate place on the web page and finalize the submission.

### UNITED STATES SENATE

- **IDENTIFY YOUR SENATORS** Choose your state from the drop-down menu at [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov). Once you have identified your Senators, click on their names to link to their official websites.

- **PREPARE YOUR MESSAGE** Use the message below or personalize it:

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S. 5194, the *Protecting Medicare Patients and Physicians Act*, would address the nearly 4.5% cut and the impending PAYGO cut. This legislation is an important step in protecting patient access to care and ensuring financial stability and predictability for physician practices.

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- **LOCATE WHERE TO SUBMIT MESSAGE** on each of your Senators' websites. Your Senator's web page will include a "contact" or "email me" tab. Click on that to prepare your message for submission. The site will ask you to input your name, address, etc. to confirm that you are a constituent and provide information for a response. Some forms will ask you to identify an issue of concern, e.g., "health" or ask you to insert the message subject, e.g., "Medicare physician cuts."
- **SUBMIT YOUR MESSAGE** – you can cut and paste your personalized message into the appropriate place on the web page and finalize the submission.