

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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The Honorable Charles Schumer
Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
House Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear President Biden, Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, and Minority Leader McCarthy,

We write today to strongly urge quick and decisive action to prevent the harmful cuts to our nation's hospitals, doctors and other health care professionals that are set to take effect on January 1, 2022. Cutting Medicare reimbursement to our health care heroes during a pandemic is simply unacceptable. We stand ready to work with you to introduce, whip for, and vote to pass legislation to reverse these cuts, as well to work with you to identify ways to pay for reversing these cuts. We are opposed to paying for preventing these cuts with additional provider cuts.

As you know, there are several cuts that are set to take effect on January 1, 2022. Among these are the expiration of a 3.75% payment adjustment to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Conversion Factor, a 2% cut to providers as a result of sequestration, and a 4% cut due to Statutory Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) being triggered. Additionally, we need to reverse looming cuts to radiation oncologists set to take effect under the Radiation Oncology Alternative Payment Model.

All of these cuts can and should be prevented. In previous years Congress has not allowed Statutory PAYGO cuts to take effect and we have found offsets to pay for reversing other similar cuts. We must act soon to give our health care providers certainty as January 1st approaches.

Thank you for your leadership in working with us to beat the pandemic and build a stronger America. We appreciate your time and consideration and look forward to working with you to ensure we reverse these cuts before the new year.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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Member of Congress

CC: Chairwoman Murray, Chairman Wyden, Chairman Neal, and Chairman Pallone