

September 8, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
233 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Republican Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2468 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Republican Leader  
U.S. Senate  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leaders Schumer, McConnell, and McCarthy:

On behalf of the undersigned chapters representing Fellows of the American College of Surgeons (ACS), we appreciate Congress' efforts last year to delay the impact of Medicare payment cuts, providing reprieve during a time of significant instability. However, this critical relief will expire at the end of the year. Without congressional intervention, surgeons and other health care professionals are again facing significant cuts to Medicare payment.

Last year, Congress passed the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021* (Public Law No: 116-260), which provided a 3.75% payment adjustment to mitigate cuts resulting from budget neutrality requirements in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS). Unfortunately, in July, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued its Calendar Year 2022 PFS proposed rule which does not maintain the payment adjustment and will result in a 3.75% cut to payments for services beginning January 1, 2022. This cut, combined with additional cuts related to Medicare sequestration, requires congressional intervention or surgeons and other health care professionals will face approximately 9% in cuts to Medicare payment on January 1, 2022.

The ACS looks forward to working with Congress to stop the impending 3.75% payment cut, as well as other cuts to Medicare payment. For more information about the ACS and Surgical Care Coalition's ongoing efforts to prevent further Medicare payment cuts, visit

[www.facs.org/advocacy/federal/medicare](http://www.facs.org/advocacy/federal/medicare) and <https://www.surgicalcare.org/>.

Sincerely,

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