



November 15, 2021

The Honorable Richard E. Neal
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin Brady
Ranking Member
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washing, D.C. 20515

Re: Ways and Means Committee hearing on Medicare payment cuts

Dear Chairman Neal and Ranking Member Brady,

On behalf of our member medical group practices, the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) writes to encourage you to schedule a full Ways and Means Committee hearing on issues related to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) and the impending cuts to Medicare slated to go into effect on Jan. 1, 2022. We are hopeful that the Committee can examine and prevent the payment cuts set to take effect next year, thereby protecting Medicare beneficiaries' access to high-quality care.

With a membership of more than 60,000 medical practice administrators, executives, and leaders, MGMA represents more than 15,000 medical groups in which more than 350,000 physicians practice. These groups range from small private practices in rural areas to large regional and national health systems and cover the full spectrum of physician specialties and organizational forms. Our diverse membership uniquely situates MGMA to offer its expertise on how these cuts threaten the group practice model and the patients they treat.

MGMA is greatly appreciative of the actions Congress took last year in the *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021*, to mitigate the impact of the scheduled Medicare payment cuts. The one-time injection of \$3 billion into the PFS was a lifeline to many practices but expires at the end of this year. MGMA supports efforts by the Committee to address these payment cuts before Jan. 1, 2022, and ensure the stability of healthcare providers in future years.

As the voice for the country's medical group practices, MGMA remains committed to promoting policies that enhance the ability of our members to provide high-quality, cost-effective care to the millions of patients they serve routinely, and to the emergency services they are called upon to provide during this pandemic. Should you have any questions, please contact Claire Ernst at cernst@mgma.org or 202-293-3450.

Sincerely,

/s/

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