

Talking Points - Stop the Cuts Campaign

- Medical groups and integrated systems of care are facing continued cuts to Medicare payments.
- The cuts:
 - Medicare Conversion Factor
 - The recently proposed Medicare Physician Fee Schedule would decrease the conversion factor by 2.8% on January 1, 2025.
 - The conversion factor decreased by 3.3% in 2021, 0.8% in 2022, 2% in 2023, and 1.7% in 2024.
 - Medicare PAYGO Cuts
 - The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 increased federal spending without requisite offsets and consequently triggered Congressional Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) rules which automatically cuts Medicare by 4% or \$36 billion per year.
 - Congress has delayed this cut the past 3 years but the cut is scheduled to occur again on January 1, 2025.
- The repercussions of Medicare cuts will impact patient access to vital healthcare services.
- A survey of AMGA members found that if Medicare cuts are enacted, medical groups and integrated systems of care would be forced to eliminate services, furlough staff, implement hiring freezes, and delay population health initiatives.
- AMGA asks Congress to
 - Eliminate the Medicare Part B cut.
 - Eliminate the 4 percent PAYGO cut.