

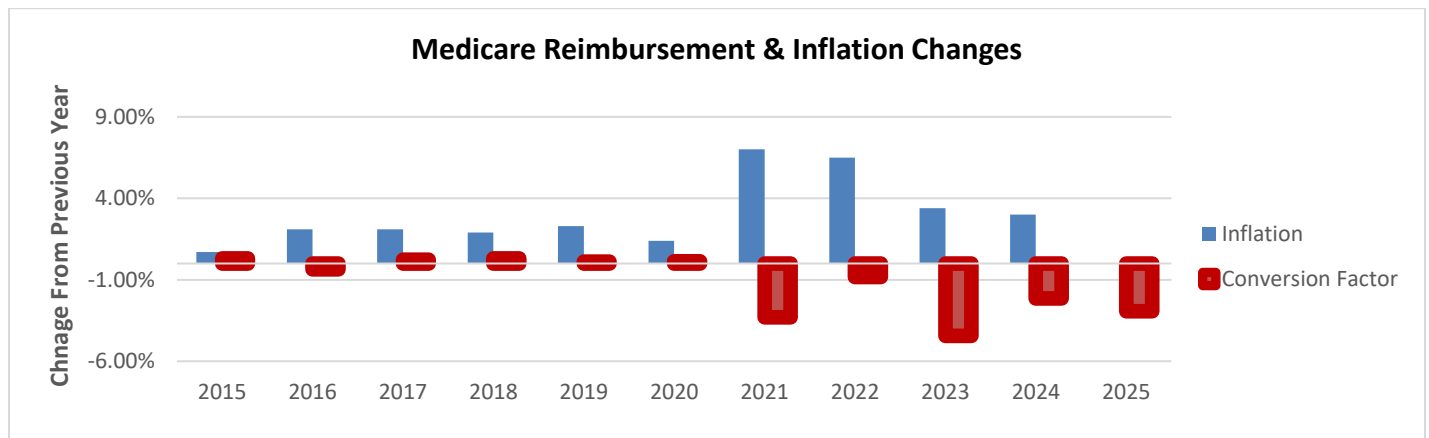
## Protect Access to PT, OT, and ST Services for Medicare Beneficiaries

The National Association of Rehabilitation Providers and Agencies (NARA) urges the preservation of current Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates for Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech-Language Pathology providers. The following outlines reimbursement reductions that have taken place from 2011 through 2025:

Policy/Year	Therapists	Therapy Assistants
MPPR 2011-2012 (initially 25%)	-7%	-7%
Sequestration (2011-2030)	-2%	-2%
MPPR 2013-Current (increase to 50%)	-7%	-7%
Physician Fee Schedule 2021	-4%	-4%
Physician Fee Schedule 2022	-0.75%	-15.75%
Physician Fee Schedule 2023	-1.35%	-1.35%
Physician Fee Schedule 2024	-1.69%	-1.69%
Physician Fee Schedule 2025	-2.83%	-2.83%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-26.62%</b>	<b>-41.62%</b>

### Impact of Reimbursement Reductions

- Clinic closures lead to reduced accessibility to therapy services crucial for beneficiaries recovering from falls, joint replacements, muscle weakness, and other injuries.
- High-risk populations, particularly those in rural and underserved areas, are disproportionately affected.
- Rising inflation and cost of living make it increasingly difficult to offer competitive salaries for qualified rehabilitation professionals, worsening the existing workforce shortage.
- Limited financial resources hinder investment in essential technologies that support the advancement of rehabilitation practice.



### Request to Support the Following Bills/Actions:

- H.R. 879 – Increase support for physicians and other practitioners in adjusting to Medicare payment changes.
- H.R. 1171 – (SAFE Act) Inclusion of physical and occupational therapists as health professionals for purposes of the annual wellness visit under the Medicare program.
- H.R. 2013 – Expand Medicare coverage of home health services by allowing beneficiaries to qualify based solely on a need for occupational therapy.
- H.R. 1614 – Expand practitioners eligible to furnish telehealth services under the Medicare program – including physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech language pathologists.

*NARA is the trade association representing 100+ organizations consisting of over 90,000 healthcare professionals dedicated to providing a multitude of skilled rehabilitation therapy services to individuals in a variety of settings including inpatient, outpatient, skilled care, assisted living, educational systems, industry/occupational health.*