



Stop Payment Reductions for Rehabilitation Providers

Urge your Congressman to Take Action

SPEAKING POINTS

- NARA opposes further reductions in Medicare reimbursement to Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Language Pathology providers.
- NARA recommends that Congress evaluate planned reductions to therapy providers and look for alternatives to mitigate financial impact.
- NARA supports Congress enacting into law provisions to prevent a Statutory PAYGO sequester from taking effect at the end of this session of Congress. Congress must prevent the 4% cuts to Medicare reimbursement from taking effect so that therapy providers can continue to provide beneficiaries access to care.
- Physician Fee Schedule reductions may be offset by incentive-based payments for RVU Data Collection. Consider ways for institutional providers to participate in Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS).
- NARA recommends CMS use its authority to mitigate the harm to Medicare beneficiaries in rural communities that would otherwise result from the 15% reduction for physical and occupational therapy services furnished in whole or part by physical therapist assistants and occupational therapy assistants, which is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2022.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has created financial hardship on healthcare systems and providers alike. Now is not the time steep Medicare payment cuts the impact to providers becomes unsustainable.