



February 4, 2025

The Honorable Greg Murphy, MD
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The Honorable Raul Ruiz, MD
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The Honorable John Joyce, MD
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The Honorable Jimmy Panetta
200 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Mariannette Miller-Meeks, MD
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The Honorable Kim Schrier, MD
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The Honorable Claudia Tenney
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The Honorable Ami Bera, MD
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The Honorable Raja Krishnamoorthi
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Dear Representatives Murphy, Panetta, Miller-Meeks, Bera, Miller, Ruiz, Joyce, Schrier, Tenney, and Krishnamoorthi:

The American College of Cardiology (ACC) commends your leadership in addressing the financial stability of physician practices and ensuring patient access to care through the introduction of the ***Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act of 2025*** (H.R.879). Your efforts are critical to protecting patients, especially those with cardiovascular conditions, from disruptions in care caused by ongoing reductions in Medicare reimbursement rates.

The ***Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act of 2025*** is urgently needed to reverse the 2.8% cut to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) that took effect on January 1, 2025. Without immediate congressional action, clinicians will continue to face compounding payment reductions that threaten the financial stability of medical practices and access to lifesaving care. Over the past twenty years, Medicare physician payments have steadily declined, with cumulative cuts exceeding 33%. Meanwhile, the costs of providing care – including staffing, equipment, and compliance with regulatory requirements – have increased substantially.

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On behalf of the ACC, thank you for introducing this legislation. It not only eliminates the 2.8% cut, but also provides a long overdue positive adjustment to reimbursement rates, stabilizing physician payments by applying a 2% update for 2025. Providing such an update, roughly half of the Medicare Economic Index increase for 2025, is essential for keeping pace with rising practice expenses and ensuring that Medicare beneficiaries, particularly those managing chronic conditions like heart disease, can continue accessing timely high-quality care.

We urge swift passage of this bipartisan legislation to protect patient access, support clinicians, and uphold the integrity of the Medicare program. We appreciate your dedication to advancing policies that strengthen our health care system and stand ready to assist in ensuring the success of this bill.

For any questions or to discuss further, please contact John Kristan, Associate Director of Legislative Affairs, at JKristan@acc.org.

Sincerely,



Cathleen Biga, MSN, FACC
ACC President

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