

September 27, 2022

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
U.S. Capitol Building, H-305  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Senate Majority Leader  
U.S. Capitol Building, S-221  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
House Republican Leader  
U.S. Capitol Building H-204  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Senate Democratic Leader  
U.S. Capitol Building, S-230  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Leader Schumer, Leader McCarthy, and Leader McConnell:

The undersigned organizations, representing medical imaging providers and manufacturers across the country write to share our support for the Supporting Medicare Providers Act of 2022 (H.R. 8800). This legislation is a crucial step towards helping healthcare providers continue operations and care for patients.

If fully implemented, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) Physician Fee Schedule proposed rule, when combined with other 2023 scheduled Medicare cuts, would result in double digit payment cuts, putting patient access to care in jeopardy. The Supporting Medicare Providers Act of 2022 one year delay of 4.42% of those cuts would help facilitate needed stability for health care professionals who are still recovering from the financial hardships exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

While H.R. 8800 is critical to address imminent physician payment cuts, we believe it is an important first step towards finding long-term, sustainable solutions to address the fragile quality and payment system that continues to be plagued with cuts year after year.

We need Congress to provide this necessary relief to ensure stability for the health care delivery system before the end of the year. Failure to prevent these cuts will strain our health care system and jeopardize patient access to medically necessary services. We count on your careful consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

American College of Radiology (ACR)  
American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT)  
The Association for Medical Imaging Management (AHRA)  
The Association for Quality Imaging (AQI)  
Medical Imaging & Technology Alliance (MITA)  
Northwest Radiology  
Rayus Radiology  
Radiology Business Management Association (RBMA)  
Shields Healthcare

Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS)  
Society of Interventional Radiology  
Society of Nuclear Medicine & Molecular Imaging (SNMMI)