

December 8, 2021

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 urge Congress to keep Medicare cuts from going into effect before the end of the year. Healthcare providers across the country are still caring for COVID-19 patients, resuming essential procedures, scans, and treatments that have been delayed, and keeping their practices afloat as they navigate financial hardships from the impacts of COVID-19. The effects of Medicare cuts could not only result in both facility and practice loss, but diminished patient access to essential health services.

There is substantial bipartisan support to address the significant payment cuts facing providers. In October, a bipartisan group of 247 lawmakers urged congressional leadership to stop the Medicare cuts before the end of the year. Last week, over 300 national and state organizations sent a letter urging congressional leadership to address this important issue before January 1st. The 247 lawmakers and the over 300 organizations are working to protect patient access to essential medical care. We applaud the House measure passed yesterday that would address these cuts and urge the Senate to pass swiftly.

We need Congress to provide this necessary relief to ensure stability for the health care delivery system. 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 Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT)
Association for Quality Imaging (AQI)
Medical Imaging & Technology Alliance (MITA)
Radiology Business Management Association (RBMA)
Rayus Radiology
Shields Health Care
Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS)
Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (SNMMI)