

## PHYSICIAN PAYMENT REFORM

*Our nation's physicians face an unsustainable crisis in Medicare reimbursement.*

**-50%**



*Reduction to  
Indirect PE RVU  
for facility-  
based services*

**-2.5%**



*"Efficiency  
Adjustment" to  
decrease Work  
RVUs for physician  
intraservice time*

**+3.26%**



*Increase to the  
Conversion Factor*

**Rising costs and constant policy churn are making the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule increasingly unstable for physicians caring for seniors.**

AAOS is grateful to Congress for enacting a +2.5% increase to physician payments in 2026. To ensure seniors continue to have access to the physicians they trust in their communities, Congress must act now to stabilize Medicare physician payments with long-term solutions.

## WHAT CONGRESS SHOULD DO



### FIRST

**Congress must immediately act to delay the "efficiency adjustment" cut.**

The "efficiency adjustment" finalized in the 2026 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule will decrease Work RVUs and physician intraservice time for most codes representing non-time-based-services by 2.5%. AAOS asks that it be delayed until at least January 1, 2030.



### SECOND

**Congress should implement a remedy for the 50% reduction to the Practice Expense RVU for facility-based services.**

Until both these steps are taken, physicians will continue to struggle with tremendous uncertainty, harming the health of our nation.

## WHAT AAOS MEMBERS CAN DO



Ask your Member of Congress to delay the "efficiency adjustment" cut.

**ACT NOW**

