



## **Medicare underpayment**

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As a physician who cares for Medicare patients, I am deeply concerned about the long-term effects of inadequate Medicare reimbursement rates on public health. Underfunded Medicare payments already threaten the overall quality of health care our seniors will receive, and without action, this will only get worse in the coming years.

When reimbursements fail to cover increasing care costs, physicians must make difficult decisions, like seeing more patients faster, reducing staff or quitting the Medicare program. With fewer physicians willing or able to accept Medicare patients, seniors are at risk of delays in care, missed diagnoses and worse health outcomes.

To ensure that physicians can continue to provide timely, high-quality care, Congress should take on meaningful reform that fixes the Medicare payment system, accounts for inflation and supports doctors. It's time to invest in the health of our seniors and the future of our health care system.

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