

Help protect access to care for seniors and military families.

Call your senators today at (888) 434-6200!

The American Medical Association (AMA) needs your help today to preserve access to care for seniors and military families covered through Medicare and TRICARE. On June 1, 2010, physicians and other practitioners who treat Medicare and TRICARE patients will face a 21 percent cut in reimbursement for the care they provide and seniors and military families will pay the price, with fewer doctors, other practitioners and less access to the care they've earned. Audiologists have already been cut in reimbursement 20%. This cut began on January 1, 2010. With another 21% looming or ability to continue to provide quality care is at risk.

For too many years, medical professionals have been threatened with huge cuts in Medicare reimbursements only for Congress to act at the last minute with a temporary patch that grows the problem and increases the cost of a permanent solution. Congress needs to fix this problem once and for all so seniors and military families can be assured of continued access to care and choice of physician.

Today, about one out of four Medicare patients looking for a new primary care physician are having trouble finding one. In addition, nearly 90 percent of people age 50 and older say they are concerned that the current Medicare physician payment formula threatens their access to care. The time to act is now.

After a lifetime of service and hard work, America promised to honor seniors and veterans with health care they can count on. Tell your Senators it's time to permanently fix the physician access problem and honor that promise.

If you want to continue to have the quality and access to medical care you currently have, please contact your U.S. Senators and Representative at the addresses below or call the AMA's toll-free grassroots hotline at (888) 434-6200 to urge your senators to permanently fix the Medicare physician access problem and protect access to care.

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