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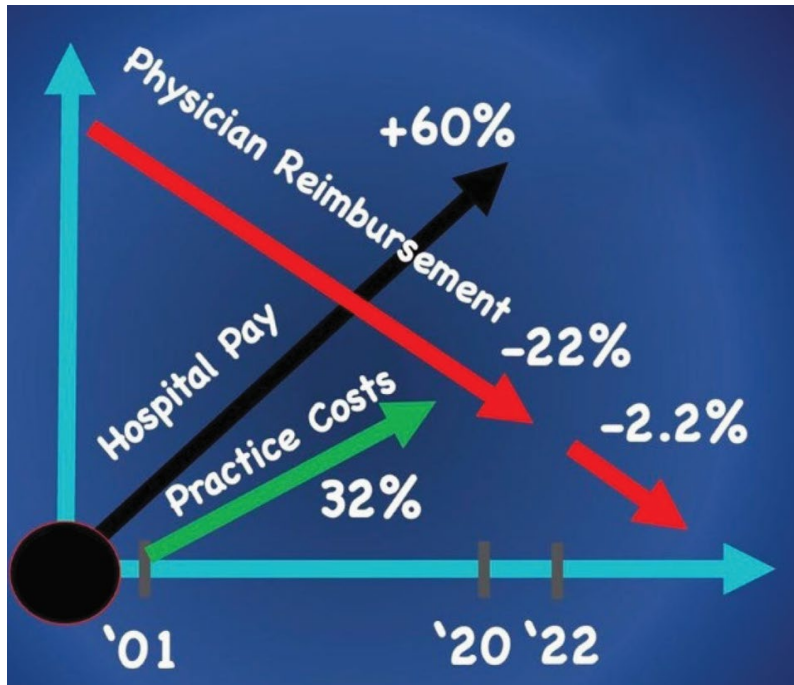
Re: H.R. 8163 The Provider Reimbursement Stability Act

Dear Honorable Dr. Greg Murphy,

On behalf of the Board, the 49 state societies of Interventional Pain Physicians, the membership of the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians (ASIPP), and the patients we serve, we write to express our strong support for H.R. 8163, the Provider Reimbursement Stability Act.

Established in 1998, ASIPP is a non-profit professional organization representing more than 4,500 interventional pain physicians and allied practitioners dedicated to delivering Safe, Appropriate, Fiscally Neutral, and Effective (SAFE) treatments for patients with chronic pain. Our mission is to promote high-quality, evidence-based pain management services nationwide. The United States is home to approximately 8,500 physicians with specialized training in interventional pain management. ASIPP comprises 49 state societies, including Puerto Rico, and works in collaboration with affiliated organizations such as the Texas Pain Society.

As we have discussed on numerous occasions with yourself and other members of Congress and administration officials, since 2001, physician reimbursement has declined by 33%, adjusted for inflation, not including the 2% sequestration cuts each year and looming 4% PAYGO cuts each year based on the Congressional Budget Office report. The survival of physicians continues to be questionable, specifically those in private practice and independent practitioners with declining morale of workforce. Medical inflation has consistently outpaced general inflation, with healthcare costs increasing by 121.3% compared to 86.1% rise in consumer goods and services. Cost of practices have increased 56% based on Medicare Trustee Reports from 2001 to 2025, while reimbursement for physicians has decreased 33% and 41% for interventional pain physicians with supply costs soaring by 78% as shown in the following figure.



Comparison of declining physician reimbursement compared to practice costs and hospital reimbursement.

Source: Green HA. The only four products of healthcare manufacture and produced with American patients. LinkedIn, January 14, 2023. <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/four-products-healthcare-manufactured-produced-howard-a-green-md/>

Consequently, this legislation would modernize Medicare physician payment by increasing the budget neutrality threshold from \$20 million to \$54.3 million and indexing it to the cumulative percentage increase in the Medicare Economic Index (MEI) every five years. It also ensures more frequent updates to the direct cost inputs used in calculating practice expense relative value units (RVUs). These changes are critically needed, as patients are increasingly facing barriers to accessing specialized interventional pain management services, particularly in the ambulatory surgery center (ASC) setting. Multiple studies have demonstrated that current Medicare reimbursement policies are contributing to the closure of community-based practices, thereby limiting patient access to care.

We appreciate your continued leadership in supporting independent physician practices. Ensuring patient access to high-quality interventional pain management services is essential.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,

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