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Payment Policy Changes — Protect Patient Access To Specialty Medicine

AAOS

Physicians are set to face significant cuts to Medicare reimbursement in 2022 despite the ongoing challenges they already face related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Without congressional intervention before the end of the year, a majority will see a nearly 10% cut. Orthopaedic surgery specifically will be impacted by payment reductions stemming from the following sources:

- Medicare Sequester Cut (-2%)
- PAYGO Cut (-4%)
- Expiration of the Conversion Factor Update (-3.75%)

These cuts to Medicare payment threaten the sustainability of physician private-practices, will negatively impact patient access to care and stress an already overburdened healthcare system.

In October, nearly 250 bipartisan members of the U.S. House of Representatives signed a letter spearheaded by Reps. Ami Bera, MD (D-CA) and Larry Bucshon, MD (R-IN) that urged Congress to avert the cuts before the end of the year. Then in November, Reps. Bera and Bucshon introduced a bill (H.R. 6020) that would extend a delay of pay cuts to physicians under Medicare until 2021.

AAOS is advocating for Congress to pass H.R. 6020 and provide stability for physicians and other health care professionals.

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Appropriate Patients
for Topical Therapy:
Important
Considerations

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NEW COA MEMBER BENEFIT

Ever Wonder What Your Work RVUs are Worth?

This information is particularly important for orthopaedic surgeons who are involved in Foundation Model or employed

arrangements, but also of interest to surgeons in private practice.

COA has purchased the 2021 Compensation and Productivity Data from the American Medical Group Association (AMGA) – who surveys large entities and compiles this data annually - national data, as noted in their 5-year trend charts, and the west region data, which includes California. The reports include the following data points – median compensation, median work RVUs, compensation per work RVUs, median net collections, and median compensation to net collections for the following orthopaedic areas:

- Orthopedic Surgery
- Orthopedic - Sports Medicine
- Orthopedic - Joint Replacement
- Orthopedic – Trauma

Due to member requests, COA has ordered the following additional data sheets:

- Orthopedic – Spine
- Orthopedic – Hand
- Orthopedic – Foot and Ankle

Under our license agreement with AMGA, we are able to make the information available only to COA members **upon request**.

If you are a **current COA member** and would like to receive the AMGA survey data, send a request to – admin@coa.org.

If you are **not a COA member**, click here to [Join COA](#) or click here to [bring your membership current](#) and pay your 2021 dues.

If you are not sure whether your membership is current, send an email to COA – admin@coa.org and we will follow-up with you.

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ACP/AAFP Clinical Guideline Updates

The American College of Physicians (ACP) and the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) recently revised their clinical Guidelines for Pain to recommend topical NSAIDS as first line therapy for the treatment of non-low back pain from musculoskeletal injuries in adults. Listen to Dr. Gudín share his insights for clinicians.

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Webinar: No Surprises Act — Provider Obligations in 2022

Hooper, Lundy & Bookman

December 7, 2021 | 10 a.m. PT

The key provisions of the No Surprises Act and its implementing regulations will be effective beginning January 1, 2022, creating significant compliance obligations for a wide range of health care providers. Although the surprise billing provisions of the law focus on billing for out-of-network facility and professional emergency services and out-of-network professional services furnished at in-network facilities, it also imposes a “good faith estimate” requirement that imposes significant new price transparency obligations that apply more generally to health care facilities (including hospitals, CAHs, ASCs, FQHCs, and RHCs) and professionals.

This webinar will give hospitals, physician groups, ASCs, and other providers practical tips on:

- Compliance with the good faith estimate requirement
- Balance billing prohibitions and obtaining notice and consent for certain out-of-network services
- Preparing claims for dispute resolution
- Reconciling Federal and State law requirements
- Enforcement measures, including civil monetary penalties

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