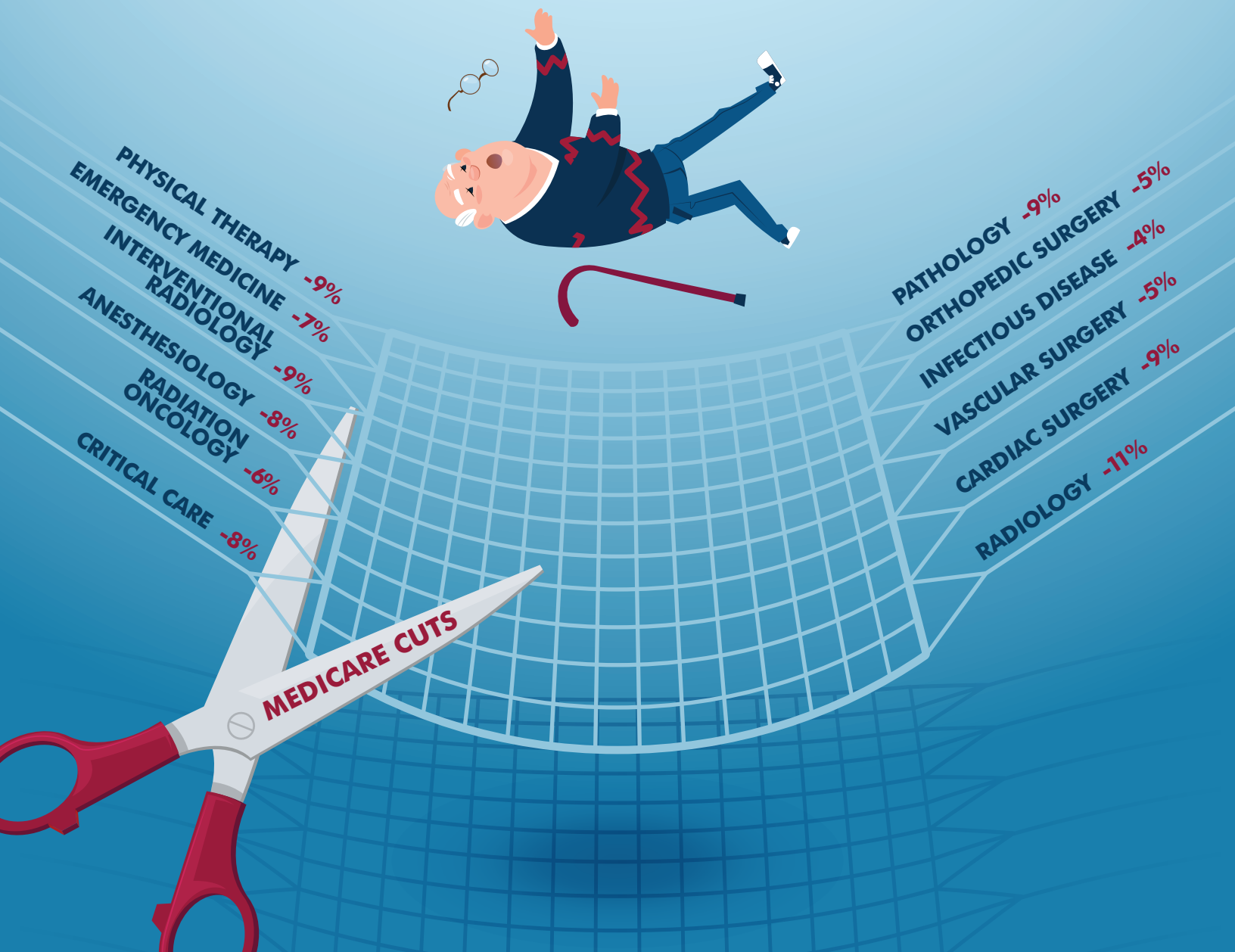


# MEDICARE: DON'T CUT SENIORS' HEALTHCARE SAFETY NET

Specialty healthcare providers are a vital safety net for the older Medicare patients who rely on them to diagnose disease, treat illness and remain healthy – including physical and occupational therapy. Despite the enormous value of these healthcare services, the **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)** plans to make **significant payment cuts to 33 specialty services** on January 1, 2021. These cuts threaten to limit patient access to care and drive countless healthcare practices out of business.

America's specialty healthcare providers cannot withstand dramatic payment cuts on top of the significant financial impact and increased costs caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Fortunately, there is a solution. Lawmakers can pass legislation to protect physical therapy – and a variety of specialty services – from payment cuts **by waiving the budget neutrality requirement in the 2021 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule** while still allowing E/M payments to increase.



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