

Seniors Have Spoken: Medicare Must NOT Cut Access to Physical Therapy

Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the #1 issue for senior voters is Medicare & Social Security, according to results from a new Morning Consult poll. As the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services pushes forward with its plan to severely cut reimbursement to specialty providers – including physical, occupational and speech therapists – it is little wonder that seniors are worried that their access to these critical services is being threatened.

These devastating cuts are extremely burdensome to specialty providers who have already seen diminished volume and increased costs during the public health emergency. As new poll results demonstrate, Medicare beneficiaries largely reject these cuts and support Congressional intervention to prevent them:



9% Medicare cut to physical, occupational and speech therapists in 2021.



93% of senior voters believe it is important to have access to Physical Therapy Centers, where patients with pain, injuries or disabilities can receive treatment and recover from surgery.



66% of senior voters are more likely to vote for candidates who work to prevent the proposed Medicare cuts from being implemented.



83% of seniors believe it is important to have access to physical therapy.



76% of senior voters would support Congress taking action to pass long term reform that would stabilize funding for primary care and medical specialists.



69% of senior voters are concerned about the capacity of medical offices, physical therapy centers, and other non-hospital providers to provide care for illnesses other than COVID-19.

Given the upheaval of our healthcare system this year, now is the **wrong time** to implement severe Medicare cuts. Congress has the power to stop these ill-conceived cuts from coming into effect on January 1, 2021 by waiving budget neutrality for the evaluation and management codes.

Congress: Stop Medicare Cuts By Holding Specialty Providers Harmless