

THE DOWNSTREAM EFFECTS OF MEDICARE PHYSICAL THERAPY CUTS

In the 2022 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services calls for an additional 3.5% payment cut to physical therapy, which if not blocked, could lead to a full 9% cut by 2024. Older adults rely on physical therapy and occupational therapy services to prevent and manage chronic pain, avoid surgery, and improve their overall quality of life. This cut, coupled with a series of payment reductions in recent years, will lead to many negative consequences for American seniors and healthcare delivery system costs.



9 PERCENT
MEDICARE
CUT

NO NEW
MEDICARE CUTS

OPIOID
MISUSE

INCREASED
INFECTIONS

MORE
SENIOR
FALLS

MORE
ER VISITS

LONGER
HOSPITAL
STAYS

AVOIDABLE
SURGERIES

HIGHER
COSTS

DANGER AHEAD!
MORE MEDICARE CUTS IN 2022

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