

# DEEP MEDICARE CUTS WILL DESTABILIZE PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) Final Rule for CY2022 will further undermine patient access to vital physical therapy services. Starting in 2022, it will impose additional across-the-board cuts of 3.75% to physical therapy services, which will lead to a full 9% cut by 2024. On top of that, CMS plans to slash payments for therapy assistants by 15%.

This deep payment reduction will exacerbate the effects of previous cuts implemented in recent years, including a 2011 multiple procedure payment (MPPR) reduction, which was increased in 2013, as well as the reduction of two common procedural codes used by physical therapists – Therapeutic Exercise and Manual Therapy – in 2018 through Medicare’s National Correct Coding Initiative.

As the United States continues to confront a series of health challenges, including the opioid crisis and the epidemic of elderly Americans falling in their homes, patient access to safe, professional physical therapy services must be fortified, not weakened.



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BLOCK THE 3.75% CUT TO  
PHYSICAL THERAPY FOR 2022**

