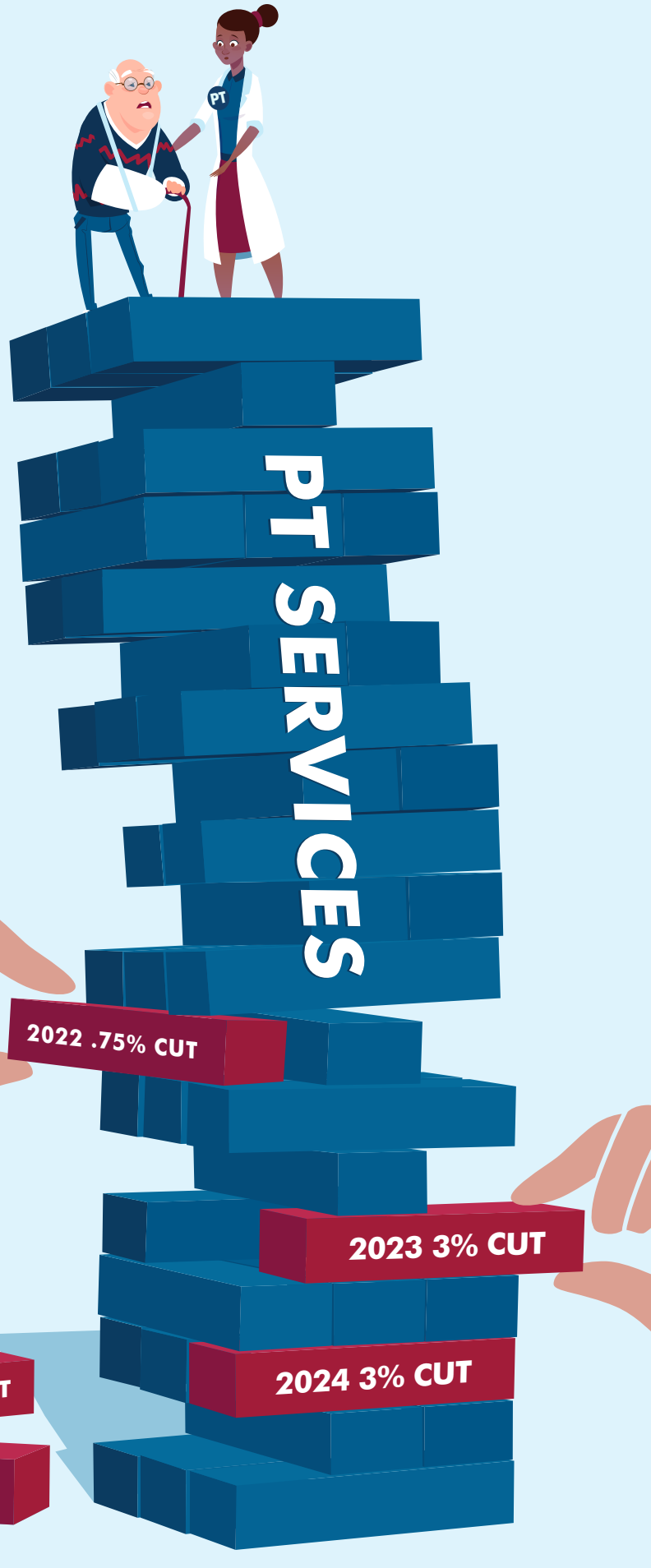


# DEEP MEDICARE CUTS WILL DESTABILIZE PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES

The 2021 and 2022 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) regulations undermine patient access to vital physical therapy services. In 2021, the so-called “E/M” policy resulted in across-the-board cuts to physical, occupational, and speech therapy services that will lead to a full 9% cut by 2024 if left unaddressed. In addition, starting in January 2022, CMS slashed payments for therapist assistants by 15%.

While Congress took action to mitigate the E/M cuts in 2022 by passing the Protecting Medicare and American Farmers from Sequester Cuts Act (S. 610), the relief only is temporary. Moreover, the bill allows the 2% across-the-board sequester to come fully back online on July 1, 2022. These deep payment reductions will exacerbate the effects of previous cuts, including a 2011 multiple procedure payment (MPPR) reduction (which was increased in 2013).

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 protected.



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