

EVERYONE KNOWS AN OLDER PERSON WHO HAS TAKEN A SCARY AND HARMFUL FALL. CONGRESS CAN ACT TO PREVENT FALLS!

Fall-related injuries and deaths among older Americans are increasing, underscoring the need for more Medicare beneficiaries to receive a no-cost annual assessment by the falls experts: physical and occupational therapists. Falls can take a serious toll on American seniors and healthcare spending — so Congress should act now.

FALLS
ARE THE
NUMBER ONE
CAUSE OF
INJURY-RELATED
DEATHS
AMONG
AMERICANS 65+

FALLS
AMONG OLDER
AMERICANS
COST ROUGHLY
\$50 BILLION
IN HEALTHCARE
SPENDING
EACH YEAR

THE CDC PREDICTS
FALLS AMONG
OLDER AMERICANS
WILL RISE TO
52+ MILLION
ANNUALLY BY 2030,
COSTING
\$101 BILLION
EACH YEAR



THE SAFE ACT

Congress must pass the **Stopping Addiction and Falls for the Elderly (SAFE) Act (S. 2612 & H.R. 1171)** to increase access to preventative care and reduce dangerous falls. The SAFE Act:

- ▶ Increases access to a no-cost falls risk assessment and falls prevention services by physical and occupational therapists.
- ▶ Connects Medicare beneficiaries with falls experts to receive the care they need to stay on their feet.
- ▶ Lowers healthcare spending and saves taxpayer money by preventing costly falls.
- ▶ Seeks to reduce opioid use for older Americans managing pain after a fall.

**STOP FALLS AMONG
MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES:
SUPPORT THE SAFE ACT (S. 2612 & H.R. 1171)**