

March 17, 2025

The Honorable John Thune
United States Senate
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Johnson
United States House of Representatives
568 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
United States Senate
322 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
United States House of Representatives
2267 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Majority Leader Thune, Speaker Johnson, Minority Leader Schumer, and Minority Leader Jeffries:

On behalf of the Society of Gynecologic Oncology (SGO), we urge you to support the bipartisan *Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act of 2025* ([H.R.879](#)) and for Congress to adopt this legislation immediately. When the fiscal year (FY) 2025 funding deadline was set for March 14, Congress promised physicians that they would address the Medicare physician payment cut that went into effect on January 1 as part of the final funding package. However, the recently passed continuing resolution fails to do this. SGO urges Congress to keep its promise to physicians by adopting this legislation to ensure the stability of physician practices and Medicare beneficiary access to care.

The SGO is the premier medical specialty society for health care professionals trained in the comprehensive management of gynecologic cancers. Our more than 2,800 members include physicians, advanced practice providers, nurses and patient advocates who collaborate with the Foundation for Women's Cancer to increase public awareness of gynecologic cancers and improve the care of those diagnosed with gynecologic cancers. Our primary mission focuses on supporting research, disseminating knowledge, raising the standards of practice in the prevention and treatment of gynecologic malignancies, and collaborating with other organizations dedicated to gynecologic cancers and related fields, all with the ultimate vision of eradicating gynecologic cancers.

Gynecologic oncologists play a multifaceted role in providing care for those with gynecologic cancer. Gynecologic oncologists are involved in the diagnosis of gynecologic cancer, developing personalized treatment plans for patients, performing complex surgeries, overseeing the administration of chemotherapy, and monitoring patients to detect recurrence or complications. Unfortunately, Medicare reimbursement has not kept pace with the costs of delivering this complex care. Therefore, we urge you to adopt the *Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act of 2025* as soon as possible to support gynecologic oncologists and other physicians by reversing the 2.83% Medicare physician payment cut that went into effect January 1, 2025, and providing a 2% inflationary adjustment.

The entire physician community continues to face unpredictable Medicare reimbursement rates and rising inflation – a perfect storm of financial instability that threatens SGO members' ability to care for patients. According to an American Medical Association (AMA) analysis of Medicare Trustees data, Medicare physician payment has declined by 33% percent when adjusted for inflation from 2001–2025¹.

¹ https://fixmedicarenow.org/sites/default/files/2025-01/Medicare%20Gap%20Chart_2025.pdf

It is important to note that the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) does not receive necessary increases or adjustments for inflation in contrast to other Medicare fee schedules. In fact, the last positive update to the MPFS conversion factor was in 2019. The decline in reimbursement over the last two decades undermines physicians' ability to keep pace with the increasing supply and clinical staff costs required to deliver essential medical services, jeopardizing patient access to timely and high-quality care. Therefore, SGO urges Congress to adopt the *Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act of 2025* as soon as possible to help preserve Medicare beneficiaries' access to specialized care and ensure the stability of physician practices.

We thank you for your leadership and continue to welcome the opportunity to work with you to address the flaws in the Medicare payment system to best support patients and providers. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Erika Miller at emiller@dc-crd.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda Nickles Fader". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Amanda" and last name "Fader" being more prominent than the middle name "Nickles".

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