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Neurosurgery Supports the Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act

The AANS and the CNS urge Congress to reverse Medicare payment cuts and adopt long-term reforms.

Washington, DC—Today, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) and Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) announced their support for the Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act. Introduced by U.S. Representatives **Greg Murphy**, MD, (R-N.C.), **Jimmy Panetta** (D-Calif.), **Mariannette Miller-Meeks**, MD, (R-Iowa), **Ami Bera**, MD, (D-Calif.), **Larry Bucshon**, MD, (R-Ind.), **Raul Ruiz**, MD, (D-Calif.), **John Joyce**, MD, (R-Pa.), and **Kim Schrier**, MD, (D-Wash.), this legislation would protect Medicare beneficiary access to physician-led care.

Earlier this summer, the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released a proposed rule for the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule issuing a 2.8% decrease to the conversion factor beginning January 1, 2025. The legislation eliminates the 2.8% decrease in the conversion factor and provides a modest update to the Medicare Economic Index for 2025.

“The AANS and the CNS appreciate legislators’ efforts to offer another solution to this longstanding problem. Congressional leadership now has a full suite of legislative solutions to address Medicare payment cuts in the short and long term,” said **Russell R. Lonser**, MD, FAANS, chair of the AANS/CNS Washington Committee. “We urge Congress to take action and fix the unsustainable and outdated Medicare Physician Fee Schedule.”

To read bill sponsors’ press release, [click here](#).

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