

MEDICARE PATIENTS: HELP PRESERVE YOUR ACCESS TO CHIROPRACTIC CARE

Cuts to Medicare Providers Are Coming April 1st Without Congressional Action!

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On December 27, 2020, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 became effective, postponing cuts to Medicare providers for three months. Without congressional action, these cuts are scheduled to take place, beginning April 1st.

Also, the passage of the recent American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 will cause an additional 4% sequestration cut in 2022, to satisfy federal law requiring across-the-board cuts to programs (including Medicare), if legislation affecting mandatory spending or revenues increases net deficits.

These reductions, coming on the heels of cuts Tennessee chiropractors already took at the beginning of the year, will negatively affect the ability of Medicare beneficiaries across the state to access drug- and surgery-free chiropractic care, as lower reimbursements leave chiropractors financially unable to care for Medicare patients. Postponing these cuts will ensure that access to chiropractic services remains available to Tennessee's over 1 million Medicare beneficiaries, while allowing chiropractic practices to remain financially viable as we move forward through the pandemic.

Email Senators Blackburn and Hagerty and ask them to support H.R. 1868, legislation that would postpone the 2% cut scheduled for April 1st and stop the cuts associated with the American Rescue Plan.

Every email received on Capitol Hill lets your lawmakers know how important this issue is and how they can help Medicare patients like you who choose to see a chiropractor for their health care needs.

**It will only take a minute of your time
and make a BIG impact!**

MEDICARE PATIENTS – TALKING POINTS:

- I am writing you today to ask you to support H.R. 1868, legislation that would postpone the 2% Medicare sequestration cuts through 2021, as well as protect Medicare from the 4% PAYGO sequestration cuts associated with the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
- With over a million Tennesseans enrolled in Medicare, these reductions must be stopped.
- I fear that further reductions in Medicare reimbursements for chiropractic will negatively affect the ability of Medicare patients across Tennessee to access the health care of our choice, due to chiropractors being financially unable to care for Medicare patients.
- Restricting beneficiaries' access to conservative, low-cost, drug- and surgery-free chiropractic care in the Medicare system will force beneficiaries to utilize higher cost (and higher risk) procedures, including addictive prescription opioids and unnecessary spinal surgeries, for treatment of spinal conditions that chiropractors treat.
- In doing so, the Medicare system risks adding costs associated with these more costly treatments.
- As the state of Tennessee and our nation struggles to deal with both the health and economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, these cuts would only add to the tremendous financial strain experienced by patients and health care providers.
- For these reasons, I ask you to support H.R. 1868, eliminating a potential financial barrier to care for Tennessee seniors.
- Thank you for your consideration of this critically important matter.