



## The Network Urges Congress to Stop Medicare Payment Cuts

Earlier today, Dr. Marcus Neubauer, Chief Medical Officer of The US Oncology Network, sent a letter to Congressional leaders urging action on imminent Medicare payment cuts scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2022. With just 4 weeks before the new year, the letter to Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) said, “Congress must act now to prevent the destabilizing, detrimental payment reductions.”

Specifically, the letter referenced the compounding cuts from the following policies:\

- Lapse of the 3.75% Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) conversion factor increase for CY 2022;
- Expiration of the 2% Medicare sequestration relief;
- Threat of a new 4% Medicare sequester due to Statutory PAYGO;
- Other PFS policy changes reducing reimbursement by 1%; and
- A new Radiation Oncology (RO) Alternative Payment Model that will cut an additional \$150 million over 5 years from the practices that are required to participate in the Model.

If not addressed, oncology providers could see Medicare reimbursement cuts in excess of 10% in 2022. The letter notes these cuts come as practices continue providing high quality, value-based, community cancer care through the COVID-19 public health emergency.

To read The Network’s letter to Congressional Leadership, [CLICK HERE](#).