# Support Physician Payment Reforms that Strengthen Independent Medicine and Protect Patient Access to High-Quality Care

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The Digestive Health Physicians Association continues to support congressional efforts to permanently stabilize physician payment rates in the independent practice setting.

Private practices cannot keep their doors open if they continue to face annual cuts to our reimbursement, while practice expenses continue to skyrocket.

## We urge you to support the Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act, which would address the pay cut for doctors that went into effect on

January 1, 2025.

Beginning April 1, 2025, physicians would see a 6.62% increase for the remainder of the year to offset the existing pay cut while adjusting for inflation.

The bipartisan legislation was introduced by Reps. Greg Murphy (R-NC), Jimmy Panetta, (D-CA); John Joyce, MD, (R-PA); Raul Ruiz, MD, (D-CA); Mariannette Miller-Meeks, MD, (R-IA); Kim Schrier, MD, (D-WA); Claudia Tenney, (R-NY); Ami Bera, MD, (D-CA); Carol Miller, (R-WV); and Raja Krishnamoorthi, (D-IL).

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association of independent gastroenterology (GI) physician practices across the country with the aim of promoting and

preserving accessible, high quality and cost-efficient care in the

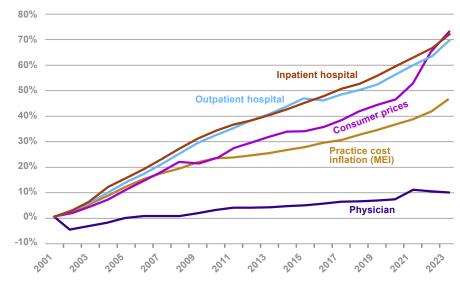
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MEDICARE PROVIDER UPDATES FOR 2025

#### Source: American Medical Association:https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/medicare-provider-updates-chart-2025.pdf Updated Jan. 2025

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Sources: Federal Register, Medicare Trustee's Report, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Congressional Budget Office.

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