PHYSICIAN PAYMENT REFORM TOPS PROVIDERS' AGENDA

About 100 organizations representing more than a million providers are urging lawmakers to move on longer-term Medicare physician payment reforms, starting with hearings on the issue, after Congress only partially offset cuts for 2023 and 2024. The providers call for Congress to act to avoid the continuous threat of year-over-year cuts.

Provider groups are asking Congress to work on long-term, substantive payment reforms and urge Congressional hearings as soon as possible to begin exploring potential payment solutions to ensure America's seniors continue to receive access to the high-quality care they deserve.

Medicare payment reform has been top of mind for clinicians after some paid through the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) were disappointed the end-of-year omnibus spending package eased only 2.5% of the MPFS conversion factor cuts in 2023 and 1.25% in 2024—leaving about 2% of the cut to kick in January 1, 2023.