



HOW DOES CONGRESS IMPACT ECHO



PHYSICIAN PAYMENT

Sets the framework for Medicare reimbursement rates



SITE NEUTRALITY

Has the power to modify reimbursement rates for outpatient services to align with rates for physician offices or ASCs



ADVANCED IMAGING

Defines what technologies are classified as "advanced diagnostic imaging services", which currently excludes echo



ACCREDITATION

Determines what entities are required to mandate accreditation under Medicare



MEDICAL WORKFORCE

Considers legislation that adds new Medicare-funded GME slots to support specialties amid the physician workforce shortage



MEDICAL RESEARCH FUNDING

Sets spending levels for medical research through the appropriations process



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Creates the framework managing the emergence of AI by promoting innovation and safety measures



PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Has the power to require insurers to streamline approval processes, set response-time limits, and increase transparency

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