



American Society
of Echocardiography

STOP IMPLEMENTATION OF THE -2.5% EFFICIENCY ADJUSTMENT PHONE AND EMAIL SCRIPTS

SUBJECT:

Support H.R. 7520 to Stop the Medicare "Efficiency Adjustment"

EMAIL BODY:

Dear [Senator/Representative Last Name],

My name is [Your Name], and I am a [echocardiographer/ physician/ sonographer] at [Institution] in [City, State]. As your constituent, I urge you to support the Efficiency Adjustment Delay Act (H.R. 7520) to stop the Medicare efficiency adjustment.

Beginning on January 1, 2026, this policy applies an across-the-board 2.5% cut to work RVUs for all non-time-based services, with additional cuts every three years. This will reduce reimbursement, destabilize physician practices, and threaten access to care for Medicare patients, especially in vulnerable and rural communities.

The efficiency adjustment assumes that non-time-based services automatically become more efficient over time. However, recent data show that operative times have not decreased for most services, contradicting the rationale for these cuts. At the same time, many physician contracts are tied to work RVUs, so repeated reductions will lower compensation even when the actual work has not changed.

Echocardiography services, including transthoracic, transesophageal, stress, and interventional echo, are all non-time-based and are directly affected. These tests are essential for diagnosing and managing heart disease in older and high-risk patients, and additional cuts make it harder to sustain access to high-quality cardiac imaging in our community.

H.R. 7520 would delay the efficiency adjustment until 2030, require CMS to produce empirical evidence before imposing broad-based cuts, and limit any future reduction to a one-time change for codes that have not been reviewed in the last ten years.

I respectfully ask that you support and cosponsor H.R. 7520 and work with your colleagues to ensure that Medicare payment policy remains stable, evidence-based, and protective of patient access to care.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service.

Sincerely,