Dear Coworkers,

Recently CMS released the 2021 proposed Medicare Physician Fee schedule. OT, PT, and SLP are all slated for a *9% cut* to reimbursement (to go into effect on 1/1/2021). You may have received information about this earlier this year. **Please consider advocating on behalf of our patients and professions using the links below.** All you need to do is enter your name, address, and email address to submit a pre-written letter – it takes less than 5 minutes! It is so important to ensure patients have access to our services.

[ASHA](https://takeaction.asha.org/asha/app/write-a-letter?5&engagementId=506710), [APTA](https://www.apta.org/advocacy/take-action/patient-action-center?vvsrc=%2fcampaigns%2f76461%2frespond%3fEAdusername%3d%253b4%25406%253e-%26IndividualEmail%3dh%252fpaP5tHc1FWS893jOBn%252bAd1mhB6%252bi%252faLY%252beWs5f2mQYKy0EFjZVqBL%252f7W7AdPVy), and [AOTA](https://cqrcengage.com/aota/app/write-a-letter?5&engagementId=509002) each have template letters specific to their disciplines. You don’t have to be a therapist to submit. Administrative staff, patients and family members can also participate.

**Additionally, consider submitting comments to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services:** It is very important that as many individuals as possible submit comments to CMS in response to the 2021 Physician Fee Schedule proposed rule. **Tell CMS that it must stop the 9% cut to physical, occupation, and speech therapy**. APTA offers publicly accessible, customizable template letters for PTs/PTAs/students **and**patients to use to submit to CMS via APTA’s [Regulatory Action Center](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/www.apta.org/advocacy/take-action/regulatory__;!!P9ZCGl6x2Q!H_Kc9P3D2ZI48jQhnEZOMtpmf6Uqjyv5t7qrv5ywobNVSrRS7r9nnnGGGWpxZioMlQ$).

Thanks in advance for your assistance.

***\*While this template letter is PT/PTA specific, it can easily be modified to reflect speech or occupational therapy.***