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## **Neurosurgeons Raise Concerns Over Medicare Payment Challenges Facing Surgical Care**

*Groups state reforms are needed to the MPFS to preserve patient access to care.*

Washington, DC<sup>o</sup> Today, the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) urge Congress to take immediate action to reform the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) and preserve patient access to surgical care. In a [statement](#) issued by the Surgical Coalition, the groups express concern that the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) continues to put forth annual regulations that exacerbate the underlying problems within the broken Medicare physician payment system. The MPFS often serves as the benchmark for determining payment rates for Medicaid and other payers, so Medicare payment cuts have a cascading effect.