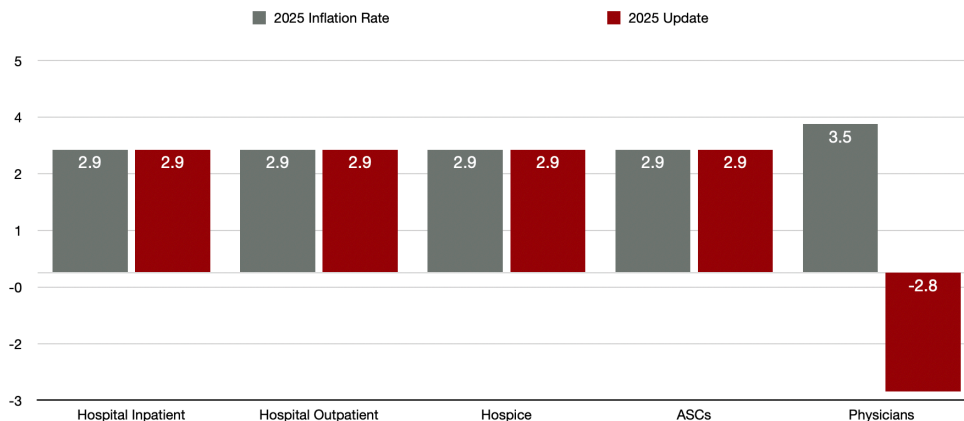


## STOP THE MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT CUT

ASGE is calling on Congress to pass legislation to reverse the 2.8% Medicare physician payment cut that took effect on Jan. 1, 2025 following the release of the Calendar Year 2025 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule. This pay cut is compounded by the absence of a Medicare physician payment inflationary update despite a projected rise of 3.5% in the Medicare Economic Index. Physicians' Medicare reimbursement has now been reduced by 33% since 2001 when adjusted for inflation in practice costs.

At the beginning of this year, nearly every provider, except physicians, received a positive Medicare payment update. Even payments from the federal government to Medicare Advantage plans increased this year.

### Medicare Payment Updates for 2025



**Note:**

Hospital inpatient, LTC hospitals, hospice, hospital outpatient and ASC inflation rates reflect market basket less a productivity adjustment.

Physician fee schedule inflation rate is the Medicare Economic Index, which has a productivity adjustment.

Potential adjustments for quality performance omitted for all provider types.

## Legislative Solution

The bipartisan *Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act of 2025* (H.R. 879), will:

1. Reverse the latest round of Medicare payment cuts providing immediate financial relief to stabilize practices and preserve patient access.
2. Provide an inflationary update to ensure payments in 2025 begin to reflect the rising costs of delivering care, a critical step toward sustainable reform.

**House:** Cosponsor H.R. 879, the *Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act of 2025* to eliminate the pay cut that took effect on Jan. 1 and give Medicare clinicians a long-overdue, inflation-based update.

**Senate:** Support introduction of companion legislation to address these critical issues.