



Protecting Medicare Patients' Access to Comprehensive, Coordinated Care

The **Same Day Care Coalition** is a broad alliance of national physician and patient organizations representing primary care physicians, medical specialists, surgical specialists, and the patients they serve. The Coalition has significant concerns with CMS's proposed CY 2027 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule policy to reduce payment when medically necessary, separately identifiable evaluation and management (E/M) services are furnished on the same day as procedures with 0-, 10-, or 90-day global periods, and respectfully urges CMS to reconsider the proposal.

This is fundamentally a patient access issue. If finalized, the proposal could force physicians to make difficult decisions about the financial viability of their practices, with direct implications for patients' access to care. Practices facing continued Medicare payment reductions may need to limit the number of Medicare beneficiaries they can serve, reduce services or staffing, delay investments in equipment and technology, consolidate with larger health systems, or, in some cases, close altogether. For patients, these pressures could mean fewer physician choices, reduced access to community-based care, and greater difficulty getting timely, coordinated care close to home.

We urge CMS not to finalize this proposal and encourage CMS and Congress to work collaboratively with physicians and patients on evidence-based payment policies that reflect clinical reality, preserve patient access to comprehensive, coordinated care, and maintain Medicare's long-term fiscal responsibility.

Coalition Members

- American Academy of Dermatology Association (AADA)
- American Academy of Neurology (AAN)
- American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO)
- American Academy of Otolaryngology–Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS)
- American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R)
- American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS)
- American College of Mohs Surgery (ACMS)
- American College of Rheumatology (ACR)
- American College of Surgeons (ACS)
- American Medical Group Association (AMGA)
- American Osteopathic Association (AOA)
- American Parkinson Disease Association
- American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA)
- American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association (ASDSA)
- American Society of Breast Surgeons (ASBrS)
- American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS)
- American Society of Retina Specialists (ASRS)
- Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations (CSRO)
- Emergency Department Practice Management Association (EDPMA)
- Medical Group Management Association (MGMA)
- Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS)