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RE: Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015

Dear Honorable Members of Congress:

The undersigned organizations would like to thank you for your leadership in the passage of H.R. 2, the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015. We especially appreciate a repeal of the CMS policy to convert 10- and 90-day global surgical codes to 0-day codes. Unbundling global surgical payments would have resulted in adverse effects for both providers and patients by increasing financial and administrative burdens impacting continuity of care. Protecting the global surgical payment structure will also help surgeons to participate in the development of alternative payment models to promote the best possible patient care and outcomes.

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We look forward to working with Congress to ensure the provisions surrounding global surgical payments are implemented as the authorizing language intended.

Thank you again for repealing the flawed sustainable growth rate formula, preventing the implementation of the CMS policy to dismantle global surgical payments, and creating meaningful Medicare payment reform.

Sincerely,

American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

American Academy of Ophthalmology

American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery

American Association of Neurological Surgeons

American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons

American College of Surgeons

American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery

American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery

American Urogynecologic Society

American Urological Association

Congress of Neurological Surgeons

Society for Vascular Surgery

Society of Gynecologic Oncology

The American Society of Breast Surgeons

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons