

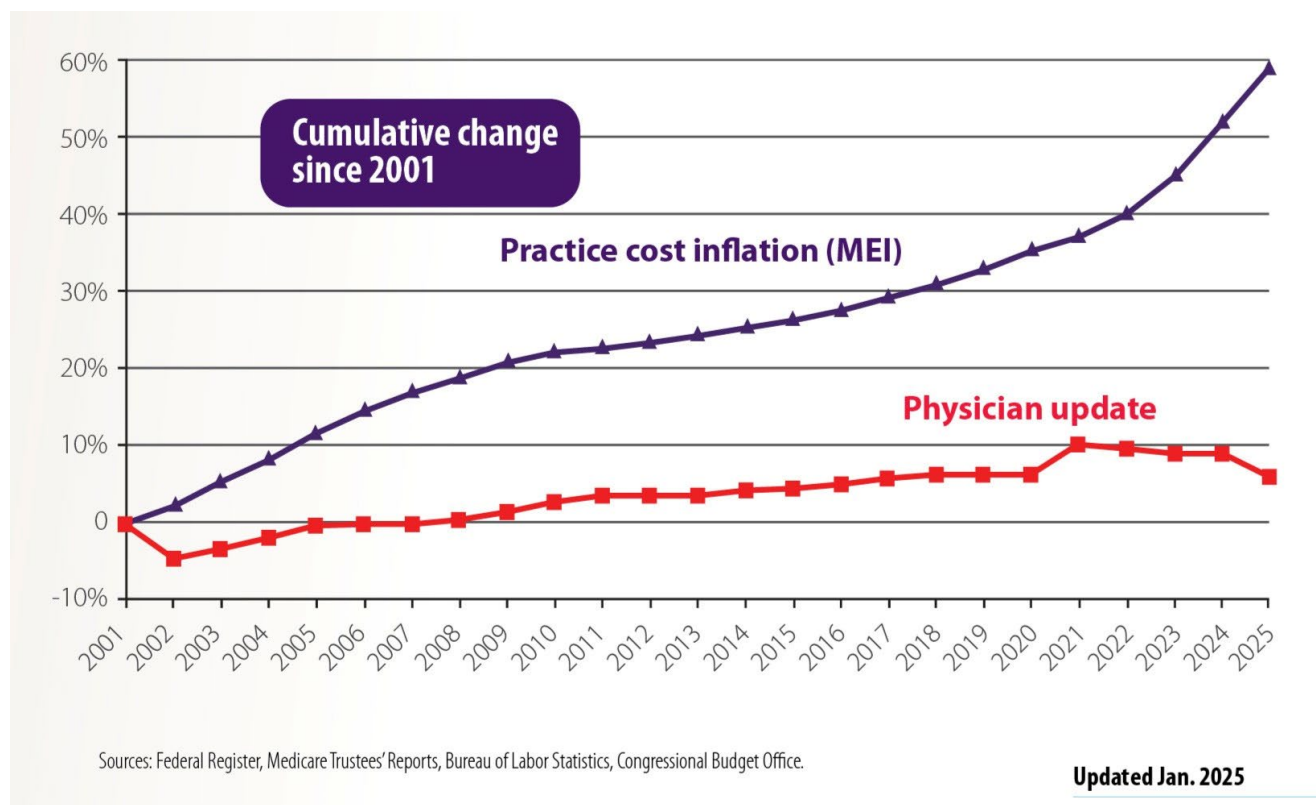
## Prioritize Physician Payment Reform

AAPM&R, along with the broader physician community, continues to be seriously concerned about the lack of stability in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS). Physicians are faced with annual scheduled cuts to the MPFS, making it increasingly difficult to maintain financially viable practices and threatening patient access to necessary medical care. Congressional action is urgently needed to permanently reform Medicare physician payment and protect reimbursement for vital services furnished by frontline healthcare providers.

In recent years, Congress has frequently acted to avert or mitigate statutorily required payment cuts, cuts that would have been damaging to physician practices and limited access to care for Medicare patients if fully implemented.

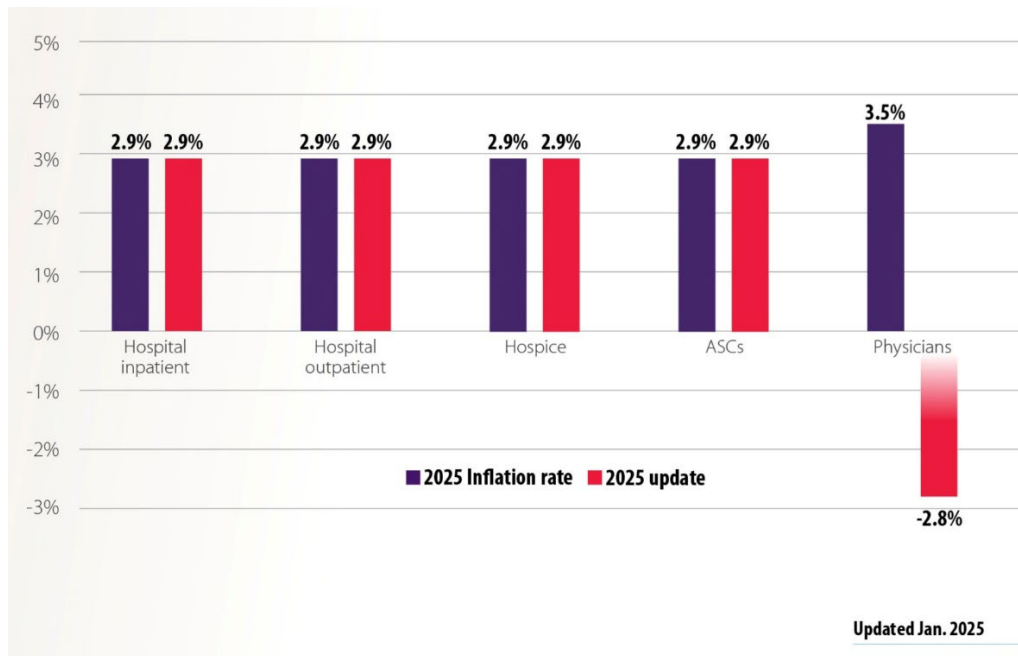
**AAPM&R urges Congress to work with the physician community going forward to establish reliable, sustainable, positive updates to the MPFS annually and to provide stability for physicians and their patients.**

### Medicare Reimbursement Compared to Inflation Since 2001



Source: American Medical Association, 2025 National Advocacy Conference Action Kit

Recent Medicare Provider Updates



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AAPM&R supports several bipartisan legislative efforts in the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress that would provide immediate payment relief to stabilize physician practices and preserve access to care for Medicare patients.

The *Provider Reimbursement Stability Act*, H.R. 8163, is bipartisan legislation that would implement stability and predictability in the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule, making positive changes to the budget neutrality rules that currently govern annual updates to physician reimbursement levels.

The *Efficiency Adjustment Delay Act*, H.R. 7520, is bipartisan legislation that would delay the flawed “efficiency adjustment” finalized in the Calendar Year 2026 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule until 2030. This “efficiency adjustment” implements an across-the-board 2.5% reduction to physician reimbursement and will have wide-ranging consequences for patient access to care.

The *Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act*, H.R. 879, is bipartisan legislation that would ensure that providers are not penalized by harmful cuts while adjusting reimbursements for inflation.

**AAPM&R urges all Members of the House to cosponsor these bipartisan efforts and to work with your colleagues and Congressional leadership to prioritize both immediate payment relief for physicians and long-term structural reforms to ensure fair physician payment going forward.**

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