

# Moving the needle: Medicare physician payment

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*DermWorld breaks down the latest highlights of AADA advocacy activities at the federal and state legislative and regulatory level.*

For several years, physicians have endured a 2% Medicare payment reduction as part of sequestration — a component of the 2011 Budget Control Act. However, given the impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) on physician practices, Congress suspended the scheduled 2% across-the-board Medicare payment reduction through 2020.

However, by the fall of 2020, it was clear that the PHE would not be over by the end of the year, and that physician practices would need continued relief. In order to extend the moratorium on the 2% Medicare payment reductions, the American Academy of Dermatology Association (AADA) and Academy members jumped into action:

## Advocacy priorities



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