

Dear ENT Advocacy Network Member:

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Legislative and political activity directly affects our practices and our patients. As a leading advocate for otolaryngology-head and neck surgery, we hope you enjoy reading this edition of *The ENT Advocate*, your premier source of advocacy information for the specialty!

AAO-HNS Releases Preliminary Summary of CY 2021 MPFS Proposed Rule

AAO-HNS Advocates for Appropriate Physician Oversight after PHE Concludes

On July 22, the AAO-HNS joined more than 50 physician organizations in [urging CMS](#) to sunset temporary waivers involving scope of practice and licensure when the public health emergency (PHE) concludes. These temporary waivers enabled physicians and nonphysician healthcare professionals to provide critical care during the extraordinary circumstances resulting from the pandemic. Through the joint letter, the AAO-HNS reaffirmed support for the physician-led team-based approach to care and vigorously opposed efforts that undermine the physician-patient relationship during and after the pandemic.

AAO-HNS Continues Advocacy to Address Impending Physician Shortage

On July 9, the Academy joined over 60 healthcare associations and specialty societies in urging Congress to support the "Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2019" ([S.348/H.R. 1763](#)). The AAO-HNS has long

