

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!

### **CMS Releases 2021 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule**

On December 1, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

The Academy stands ready to continue our advocacy efforts on behalf of the specialty as soon as the 117th Congress convenes on January 3, 2021.

### **AAO-HNS Continues Congressional Advocacy Opposing Scheduled 2021 Medicare Payment Cuts**

Following months of targeted Congressional advocacy efforts, [the AAO-HNS has both directly endorsed](#), as [outlined in our letter to the House of Representatives](#), [H.R. 8702](#), as critical legislation would provide stability for otolaryngologists, their practices, and their patients by holding physicians harmless from planned Medicare payment cuts, scheduled to take effect January 1, 2021. The Academy will continue to work with its sponsors and colleagues throughout the house of medicine to advocate for passage of H.R. 8702 prior to the end of the year or its inclusion in a broader legislative package.

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## ENT PAC "First 50" Campaign Kicks Off January 1, 2021!

"First 50" investors will have exclusive access to a 2021 conference call series with high-ranking individuals from Congress and the Administration. If you have questions or would like additional information, visit [www.entpac.org](http://www.entpac.org) or contact ENT PAC staff at [entpac@entnet.org](mailto:entpac@entnet.org).\*

### Preparation for the 2021 State Legislatures

As we move forward into 2021, advocates are likely to find legislatures meeting in unusual places such as stadiums. The rules of operation and committee processes changed are abbreviated, as no surprise, technology will dominate. How do we operate in this new paradigm and what are the top state issues for otolaryngologists in the new year? Volunteer for AAO-HNS State Trackers program (email [legstate@entnet.org](mailto:legstate@entnet.org)) and join us on **December 16, 8 pm (ET)** as we strategize for another pivotal year.

Sincerely,

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