

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 Comments on 2021 Medicare PFS/QPP Proposed Rule**

On October 5, the AAO-HNS [submitted a comment letter](#) on the 2021 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS)/Quality Payment Program (QPP) proposed rule.

unprecedented proposed drop to the conversion factor which, if finalized, will negatively impact procedure re

otolaryngology services, telehealth provisions, and significant changes to the QPP, including those impacting qualified clinical data registries like Reg-

## **AAO-HNS Opposes Inappropriate Scope of Practice Expansion**

The AAO-HNS joined the American Medical Association (AMA) and dozens of other physician organizations in signing a [letter to Congressional leadership](#)

include clinical psychologists and allow these clinicians to treat Medicare patients without doctor supervision throughout inpatient and partial-hospitalization settings. The AAO-HNS will continue to defend the practice of

applies to hospital outpatient departments and critical access hospitals, or ambulatory surgery centers.

**Check Out AAO- Resources on COVID-19**

### **Ask Congress to Support Otolaryngologists in Fourth Relief Package**

As Congress works to negotiate another COVID-19 stimulus legislative package, we want to ensure this legislation includes much-needed relief for otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeons and the patients you serve. Your representatives and senators need to hear from you about the impact of COVID-19 on your practice and why further relief is required. [Please click here](#) to access the action alert on the AAO-HNS Advocacy website. The alert includes a sample letter you can use to make your voice heard!