

ENT PAC had a successful round of fundraising at the AAO-HNSF 2021 Annual Meeting & OTO Experience. However, we need your help to fight a looming 9.75% cut to Medicare reimbursement and to continue to grow **STOP THESE CUTS**. If you have not contributed in 2021, [we hope that you will consider investing](#). Please [see how your investments](#) help elect Members of Congress who will support otolaryngologists and their patients.

Interim Final Rule Released for No Surprises Act

On September 30, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and three additional federal agencies of jurisdiction [released](#) a second interim final rule (IFR) related to the No Surprises Act. Initial analysis indicates the IFR is not consistent with Congressional intent in its application of the Independent Dispute Resolution

-HNS will advocate with Congressional champions to ensure that regulators follow Congressional intent in defining the IDR process. The Academy will continue to

CMS Updates 2020 MIPS Performance Feedback and 2022 MIPS Payment Adjustments

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services recently released Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) performance feedback for performance year (PY) 2020. The targeted review period is now open. CMS identified two issues and made subsequent corrections to MIPS scoring logic, resulting in changes to performance feedback for 2020 final scores and 2022 MIPS payment adjustments. Specifically, CMS corrected errors related to the complex patient bonus and patient-reported outcome measures.

[Quality Payment Program](#) (QPP) participants may request review of their MIPS payment adjustment factor(s), if they believe there is an error with their final score. The targeted review deadline is extended, and reviews will be accepted through November 29, 2021, at 8:00 pm (ET) on the Quality Payment Program website. CMS encourages participants to submit reviews promptly to help ensure timely corrections to 2022 payment adjustments.

CMS Accepting Performance Category Reweighting Requests Due to COVID-19

As part of ongoing support for clinicians during the ongoing Public Health Emergency (PHE), CMS is now accepting MIPS performance category reweighting requests for PY 2020 under the Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances (EUC) policy. CMS previously reviewed EUC exception requests before the PY 2020 reporting deadline and applied an automatic exemption to all individual eligible clinicians for PY 2020, reweighting all performance categories for which data was not received to 0%. CMS encourages consideration for the current reweighting requests by small practices that reported Medicare Part B claims measures for the quality performance category but did not report group-

physician constituents! The commitment is minimal, but the impact is immense. To help further strengthen our collective advocacy efforts, [sign up](#) today or contact govtaffairs@entnet.org for more information.

Sincerely,

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