Q2 Advocacy Update: Standing Strong for Physicians & Healthcare

As we close Q2, ZPAC remains committed to advocating for policies that protect physicians and the business of healthcare. Our focus continues to be on securing a long-overdue Doc Fix to address the -2.83% Medicare cut, which took effect on January 1. The House reconciliation package included a permanent shift in Medicare physician payment policy – tying updates to 75% of the Medicare Economic Index (MEI) in 2026 and 10% thereafter. However, the Senate removed these provisions, leaving the current cut in place and offering no payment updates.

We are continuing to push for a Doc Fix — either through inclusion in the One Big, Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1) or via passage of the Medicare Patient Access and Practice Stabilization Act of 2025 (H.R. 879/S. 339):

- Since January 31, 2025, sponsorship for the bill has grown from **6 bipartisan** cosponsors to over **175**, with continued momentum.
- The inclusion of a Doc Fix in the One.Big.Beautiful.Bill.Act or the passage of standalone legislation would provide **much-needed relief** for Medicare physicians.

Take action today by texting **ZPNOW** to **50457** or visiting our website to tell Congress: Physicians deserve fair reimbursement. Patients' access to quality care depends on it.

Advocacy by the Numbers:

- Year-to-Date (YTD): 2,014 new advocates (a 36.3% increase)
- Q2 Engagement: 1,565 messages sent to lawmakers across 40 states
- Campaigns: 7 total, covering both federal and state policy issues, including:
 - Medicare reimbursement (H.R. 879/H.R. 1640)
 - Breast cancer screening coverage (S. 1410)
 - Anesthesia time limits (NY A5375-A/S7918-A)

Thank you to our advocates! Your voice is making a real difference. This fight isn't over. Your voice matters.

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