RE: Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015

Dear Honorable Members of Congress:

The undersigned organizations would like to thank you for your leadership in the passage of H.R. 2, the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015. We especially appreciate a repeal of the CMS policy to convert 10- and 90-day global surgical codes to 0-day codes. Unbundling global surgical payments would have resulted in adverse effects for both providers and patients by increasing financial and administrative burdens impacting continuity of care. Protecting the global surgical payment structure will also help surgeons to participate in the development of alternative payment models to promote the best possible patient care and outcomes.
Honorable Members of Congress  
May 28, 2015

We look forward to working with Congress to ensure the provisions surrounding global surgical payments are implemented as the authorizing language intended.

Thank you again for repealing the flawed sustainable growth rate formula, preventing the implementation of the CMS policy to dismantle global surgical payments, and creating meaningful Medicare payment reform.

Sincerely,

American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery  
American Academy of Ophthalmology  
American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery  
American Association of Neurological Surgeons  
American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons  
American College of Surgeons  
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery  
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery  
American Urogynecologic Society  
American Urological Association  
Congress of Neurological Surgeons  
Society for Vascular Surgery  
Society of Gynecologic Oncology  
The American Society of Breast Surgeons  
The Society of Thoracic Surgeons