

YOUR DOCTOR MAY HAVE TO STOP SEEING MEDICARE PATIENTS

Congress oversees the Medicare program, including how your doctor is reimbursed for the cost of the care you receive. For several years, Congress has agreed that the system under which your doctor is reimbursed is no longer working -- but they have not fixed it. As a result, many doctors -- including your rheumatologist -- are losing money by treating Medicare patients.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

If Congress does not act NOW, additional cuts to Medicare reimbursement could cause this practice to stop seeing Medicare patients or to close. You can help us avoid that outcome.

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For more information on this issue, and how you can help, ask your rheumatologist or contact the American College of Rheumatology government affairs staff at (404) 633-3777 or advocacy@rheumatology.org.



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Rheumatologists value the long-term relationships they establish with each of their patients. These patients need the care of a rheumatologist, who is best trained to diagnose and treat these complex diseases.