Talking Points- Stop the Cuts Campaign

- Providers are once again facing the potential for more than 10% cuts to Medicare reimbursement.
- These cuts stem from:
  - **Medicare Pay As You Go (PAYGO) Cuts**
    - Spending in the American Rescue Plan of 2021 created a 4% or $36 billion cut for Medicare providers per year.
  - **Medicare Sequester**
    - Congress delayed the automatic 2% Medicare sequester cuts during the COVID-19 pandemic. The cuts were reinstated in July.
  - **Medicare Conversion Factor**
    - The recently proposed Medicare Physician Fee Schedule would decrease the conversion factor by 4.4%
- The overall impact of Medicare cuts could affect patient access to vital healthcare services.
- A survey of AMGA members found that if Medicare cuts are enacted, medical groups and integrated systems of care would be forced to eliminate services, furlough staff, implement hiring freezes, and delay population health initiatives.
- **AMGA asks Congress to**
  - Clear the PAYGO “scorecard” and ensure no further PAYGO cuts occur in 2023.
  - Pass legislation that suspends Medicare sequestration cuts in 2022 and 2023.
  - Pass legislation to increase the Medicare conversion factor