

## MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT

Ensuring patients with diseases of the digestive system have access to specialty care requires payment policies that accurately reflect the costs of the services. The current Medicare physician payment rates for services related to the digestive system are outdated and do not reflect the actual costs of providing these services. This results in Medicare paying less than the actual cost of the services, which can lead to reduced access to specialty care for Medicare beneficiaries. The proposed rule would update the payment rates to reflect the actual costs of providing these services, ensuring that Medicare beneficiaries have access to the specialty care they need.