



## Sound Policy. Quality Care.

March 19, 2021

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen  
506 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Susan Collins  
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Shaheen and Collins:

Thank you for your leadership on behalf of physicians and other health providers during the public health emergency. The Alliance of Specialty Medicine represents more than 100,000 specialty physicians and is dedicated to the development of sound federal health care policy that fosters patient access to the highest quality specialty care. We write to express our strong support for **S. 748, the Medicare Sequester Relief Act**, which would extend critical financial relief to providers by delaying cuts to Medicare reimbursement during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

We appreciate that Congress acted to temporarily suspend the 2% Medicare sequestration cuts through March 2021. Your legislation is critical for providers struggling financially to focus on maintaining care for their patients during the pandemic, instead of their bottom-line. Our provider community continues to experience severe financial losses due to the drastic decreases in non-COVID-related and non-emergency care. Additionally, even though physician practices continue to experience significantly reduced patient volume, they have also incurred large expenses to ensure that they can safely accommodate patients in need of care.

We stand ready to work with you to enact S. 748.

Sincerely,

American Academy of Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery  
American Association of Neurological Surgeons  
American College of Mohs Surgery  
American College of Osteopathic Surgeons  
American Gastroenterological Association  
American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association  
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery  
American Society of Echocardiography  
American Society of Plastic Surgeons  
American Society of Retina Specialists  
American Urological Association  
Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations  
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