

# YOUR VOICE MATTERS

## In Reducing Payment Cuts

A **\$34 million Medicare payment gain** for pathologists by engaging with the CMS from:

- A **12% increase** to Medicare's cytotechnologist clinical labor rate used in their payment methodology starting effective in 2024
- A **16% increase** to the histotechnologists clinical labor rate effective since 2022
- Pathologists can further maximize their score in MIPS with **3 new CMS-approved pathology-specific QCDR measures** (for a total of **8**) through the Pathologists Quality Registry



## When Mobilizing for Political Action

CAP members engaged with legislators to address the 2024 payment cuts by



Conducting **145 congressional Hill Day meetings**



Making **6,224 contacts to 487 members of Congress**

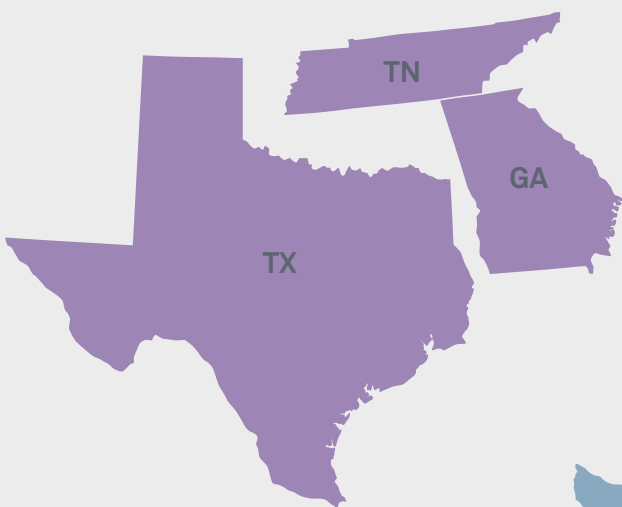


Making Solidifying support with a "virtual fly-in" of **60 pathologists** to press their representatives and senators for action.



Congress acted by delaying a **15% cut to Clinical Laboratory Medicare payments** for the fifth straight year.

## In State Level Advocacy



**3 states** enacted health plan network adequacy requirements, including pathology/laboratory: **Georgia, Tennessee, Texas**



**1 state** safeguarded payment from reduction or denial for services that receive a gold card waiver: **Arkansas**



**1 state** implemented a deferral to the federal No Surprises Act arbitration system until July 2024: **Washington**