

ASTRO Supports the Following Legislation

- H.R. 2474 Strengthening Medicare for Patients and Providers Act (118th)
 - o Sponsors: Reps. Ruiz (D-CA-25), Bucshon (R-IN-8), Bera (D-CA-6), Miller-Meeks (R-IA-1)
 - This legislation would tie the Medicare fee schedule to the Medicare Economic Index (MEI), which institutes an annual inflation-based update to the formula under which non-hospital physicians receive reimbursement.
- H.R. 2761 & S.705: SPARC (Specialty Physicians Advancing Rural Care) Act (118th)
 - o Sponsors: Reps. Joyce (R-PA-13), Ross (D-NC-2); Sens. Rosen (D-NV), Wicker (R-MS)
 - By creating a student loan repayment program for specialists practicing in rural areas, this legislation aims to address physician shortage in rural communities.
- H.R. 1202 & S.704: Resident Education Deferred Interest (REDI) Act (118th)
 - o Sponsors: Reps. Babin (R-TX-36), Houlahan (D-PA-6); Sens. Rosen (D-NV), Boozman (R-AR)
 - The legislation would allow medical and dental students to pause their student loan interest accrual and principal repayment while serving in residencies or internships.
- H.R. 3173 & S.3018: Improving Seniors Timely Access to Care Act of 2021 (117th)
 - o Sponsors: Reps. DelBene (D-WA-1), Kelly (R-PA-16); Sens. Marshall (R-KS), Sinema (I-AZ)
 - This legislation would reduce providers' administrative burden by establishing several key requirements under Medicare Advantage's prior authorization processes.
- H.R. 9565 & S.5295: Comprehensive Cancer Survivorship Act (117th)
 - Sponsors: Reps. Wasserman Schultz (D-FL-23), Fitzpatrick (R-PA-1); Sens. Klobuchar (D-MN),
 Cardin (D-MD)
 - This legislation would address gaps in existing survivorship care and develop necessary standards to improve overall patient-centered needs for cancer survivors and their families.