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Neurosurgeons Commend House of Representatives for Passing IPAB Repeal Legislation

Bill repeals unaccountable Medicare board and protects seniors' access to care

Washington, DC—The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) and Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS) applaud the U.S. House of Representatives for passing H.R. 849, the Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act. Sponsored by Reps. Phil Roe, MD (R-Tenn.), and Raul Ruiz, MD (D-Calif.), this bipartisan legislation repeals the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB), which, if triggered, would result in billions of cuts to Medicare.

The AANS and CNS had joined a chorus of physician and dental groups [urging](#) Congress to repeal the IPAB, and earlier this year, the neurosurgery groups also aligned with the [Physician IPAB Repeal Coalition](#), the [Alliance of Specialty Medicine](#), and more than [800 health care stakeholder organizations](#) in endorsing this legislation.

“Neurosurgeons recognize that we need to control the growth of health care spending, but the IPAB is simply the wrong solution for addressing these budgetary challenges,” said Ann R. Stroink, MD, FAANS, a neurosurgeon from Bloomington, Ill., and chair of the AANS/CNS Washington Committee. “As a nation, we have promised our seniors a Medicare system that offers the best care in the world and bringing an end to the IPAB is a vital step to fulfilling that promise so we applaud the House for passing the Protecting Seniors' Access to Medicare Act and encourage the Senate to do likewise as soon as possible.”

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The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS), founded in 1931, and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons (CNS), founded in 1951, are the two largest scientific and educational associations for neurosurgical professionals in the world. These groups represent over 8,000 neurosurgeons worldwide. Neurological surgery is the medical specialty concerned with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of disorders that affect the entire nervous system, including the spinal column, spinal cord, brain and peripheral nerves. For more information, please visit www.aans.org or www.cns.org or www.neurosurgeryblog.org.