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We write to request your support for the **Reforming and Enhancing Sustainable Updates to Laboratory Testing Services (RESULTS) Act (H.R. 5269 / S. 2761)**—bipartisan legislation that would reform the Medicare Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (CLFS) payment system to ensure seniors' continued access to the high-quality, innovative clinical laboratory services they deserve.

SUPPORT FOR RESULTS: This bicameral legislation has been **supported by nearly 70 leading [patient advocacy](#) and [provider groups](#)**, representing millions of constituents from coast to coast. Further, the RESULTS Act has been **formally co-sponsored by more than 75 lawmakers** and was **examined during a House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health [legislative hearing](#) earlier this year.**

We introduced the RESULTS Act because clinical diagnostic laboratory services are the backbone of our health care system. Seventy percent of all clinical decisions rely on timely, accurate, and reliable laboratory tests. Yet, the CLFS represents less than one percent of total Medicare spending, while clinical laboratory services deliver outsized benefits to patients including preventing disease, enabling early diagnosis, and also offering increasingly personalized treatment selection and therapy monitoring. Unfortunately, flaws in the current system for determining Medicare CLFS payment rates have resulted in deep, unsustainable cuts to these essential services. Congress must act to fix these issues and ensure that all patients can access the tests essential to informed and personalized health care.

Without further congressional action, payment for hundreds of laboratory tests, including routine bloodwork, cancer screenings, and tests used to manage heart disease and diabetes, will be cut by up to 15 percent beginning January 1, 2027, with further reductions of up to 15 percent scheduled for 2028 and 2029. These cuts will threaten patient access to routine and life-saving diagnostics, hinder investment in research and innovation, and weaken the infrastructure needed to meet the country's health care needs.

The RESULTS Act provides a sustainable fix by:

- Ensuring a Medicare CLFS rate-setting process that is accurate and representative of commercial market rates for independent, physician-office and hospital outreach laboratories by leveraging an independent not-for-profit commercial claims database for widely available tests while relying on laboratories to report private payor rates for non-widely available tests.
- Reducing the administrative data collection and reporting burden on clinical laboratories and lessening the administrative burden on CMS while preventing destabilizing payment cuts and mitigating future reductions.
- Promoting diagnostic innovation by providing stability in Medicare reimbursement for laboratories to develop and deliver cutting-edge tests for cancer, heart disease, diabetes, metabolic disorders, and emerging public health threats.

Please join us in protecting access to high-quality clinical laboratory services for seniors and patients across the country by cosponsoring the RESULTS Act. To join as a cosponsor, please email Leigh Ann Fairley at LeighAnn.Fairley@mail.house.gov in the office of Representative Richard Hudson or Dillon Cooke at Dillon.Cooke2@mail.house.gov in the office of Representative Scott Peters.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Rep. Richard Hudson

Rep. Scott Peters

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS: AdvaMed, ADVION, American Academy of Family Physicians, American Association of Bioanalysts, American Clinical Laboratory Association, American Hospital Association, American Medical Association, American Medical Group Association, American Medical Technologists, American Osteopathic Association, American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science, American Society for Clinical Pathology, American Society for Microbiology, Association for Molecular Pathology, American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics, Association of American Medical Colleges, Association for Academic Pathology, Association for Diagnostics & Laboratory Medicine, Association of Public Health Laboratories, California Clinical Laboratory Association, College of American Pathologists, COLA Inc., GreatLakes Laboratory Network, Healthcare Leadership Council, Infectious Diseases Society of America, Medical Group Management Association, National Independent Laboratory Association, National Rural Health Association, New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies Inc., New York State Clinical Laboratory Association, Personalized Medicine Coalition, Point of Care Testing Association

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