



# Physician Advocacy and the Urgency of the Moment in Medicine

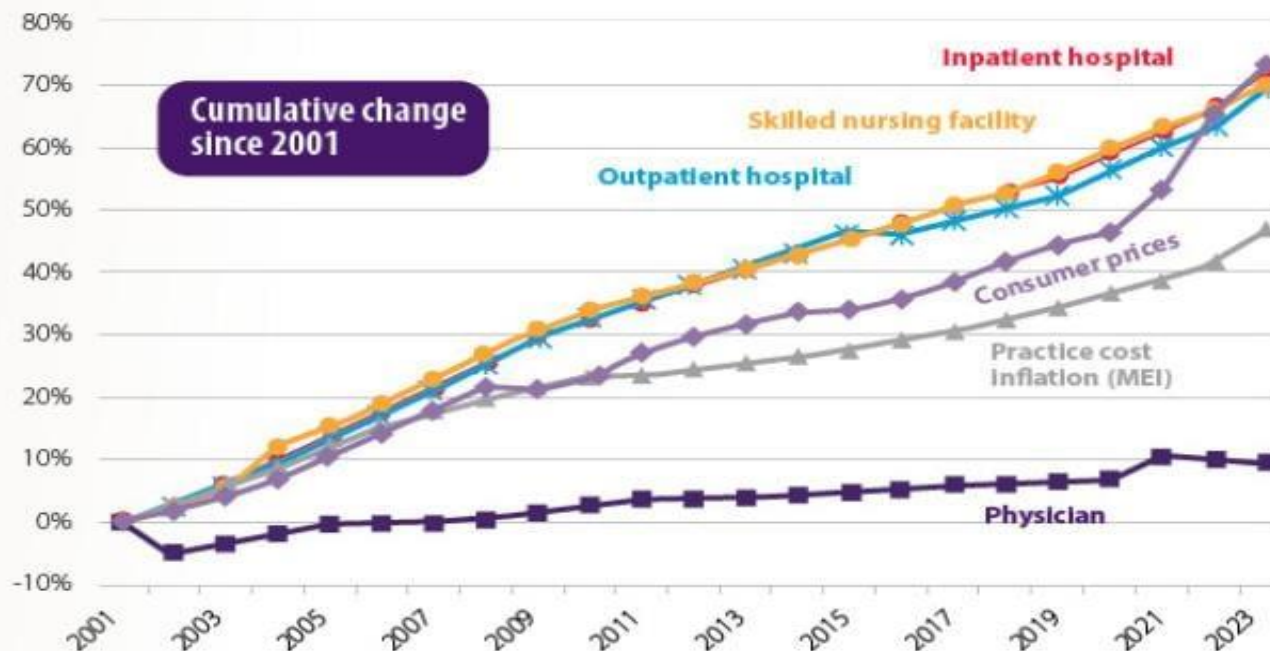
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# Medicare physician payment is NOT keeping up with inflation.

## Medicare updates compared to inflation (2001–2023)

Adjusted for inflation in practice costs, Medicare physician pay declined 26% from 2001 to 2023.



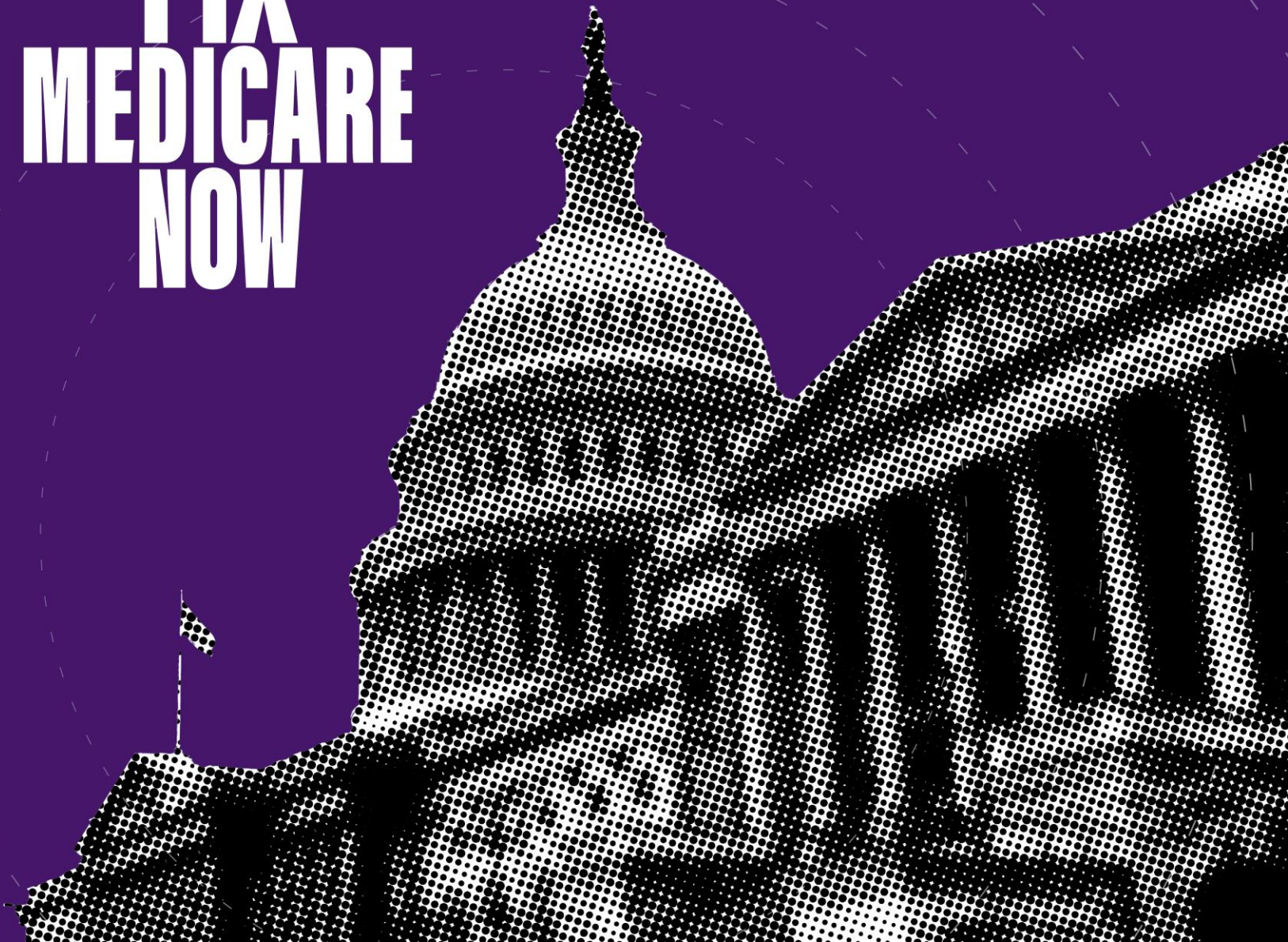
Sources: Federal Register, Medicare Trustees' Reports, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Congressional Budget Office.

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# We need to fix Medicare physician payment NOW.



# FIX MEDICARE NOW



# Elevating the health needs of our nation's veterans

## *What I told Congress about veterans' health*



- Sept. 19 Congressional oversight hearing about the VA's lack of transparency implementing National Standards of Practice for 51 health care occupations, referred to as the Federal Supremacy Project.
- Physician-led, team-based care is the gold standard
- The Supremacy Project would lead to silos of care at the VA.
- Quality would decrease and costs would increase.
- Physician representation on all NSP workgroups should be required.



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