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To whom it may concern:

I am responding to your request for comments about the Impact Act.

The biggest problem that I experience as a provider is that many of the Medicare replacement plan require beneficiaries to pay large co-pays (\$25-\$50) for each episode of care. In rehabilitation, most patients need 2-3 times weekly care in order to achieve goals of care. The social risk is that many retirees cannot afford these high copays and as a result they attain only poor to fair outcomes of care. Their medical risk increases because of the lack of proper care.

When going to a physician once a month or every 6 months the copays are easier to make. However, proper care in rehabilitation of 2-3 times weekly is not acceptable. I suggest that the copay for rehab be reduced to \$10.00 for persons with low incomes and for persons who pay a higher premium for standard Medicare the copay can be higher. Another option would be a single monthly copay.

Thank you for working to improve care for Americans.

— Timothy L. Kauffman PT, PhD, FAPTA, FGSA