

CSOMA Supports Acupuncture for Our Seniors Act of 2023

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On May 9, Reps. Chu, Fitzpatrick Introduce Acupuncture for Our Seniors Act of 2023.

This bill would increase Medicare beneficiaries' access to acupuncturists, provide more non-pharmacological options for pain relief, and promote the profession's growth.

“Our seniors deserve affordable access to non-pharmacological pain relief provided by acupuncturists and billed through Medicare. CSOMA fully supports expanding access to acupuncture within the healthcare delivery system and thanks Reps. Judy Chu and Brian Fitzpatrick for introducing the Acupuncture for Our Seniors Act.”

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CMS already recognizes the value of acupuncture and began covering services in January 2020. Unfortunately, because acupuncturists do not have Medicare-provider status, they cannot provide these covered services to beneficiaries without supervision. The status quo disrupts the acupuncture service-delivery model, as they cannot independently provide services to Medicare beneficiaries, despite their ability to do so for non-Medicare beneficiaries. The resulting access barrier hurts Senior Citizens and exacerbates healthcare inefficiencies.

Excerpt from the ASA/NCCAOM press release.

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