



July 22, 2020

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
U.S. Capitol Building, S230
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Democratic Leader
U.S. Senate
U.S. Capitol Building, S221
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Emergency Relief Funds in the next COVID-19 Relief Package

Dear Leader McConnell and Leader Schumer:

On behalf of our member medical group practices, the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) **urges you to allocate at least an additional \$100 billion to the emergency relief fund to provide direct financial support to physician practices in the next COVID-19 relief package.**

MGMA greatly appreciates Congress's leadership in previously allocating direct funds to healthcare providers via the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act and the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act. However, medical group practices continue to face unprecedented financial difficulties attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic that threaten their financial solvency. Although revenues have started to slightly recover, they are still 25% lower this June as compared to June 2019¹ and practices still report the need to lay off and furlough staff, close locations, and reduce practice hours in response to COVID-19.

For our country's medical groups to remain resilient and continue to treat patients in this uncertain time, we ask you to allocate at least \$100 billion to the emergency relief fund in the next COVID-19 relief package to provide financial support to physician practices. Thank you again for your leadership on this critical issue. As the voice for the country's medical group practices, MGMA remains committed to promoting policies that enhance the ability of our members to provide high-quality, cost-effective care to the millions of patients they serve. If you have any questions, please contact Claire Ernst at cernst@mgma.org or 202-293-3450.

Regards,

/s/

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¹ MGMA Financial Impact Poll (July 22, 2020)