Payment Reductions Jeopardize Access to Care for Patients

An Audiologist’s and SLP’s ability to provide consistent access to care for their patients and maintain their business is threatened by payment reductions from all payer sources (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, Private Payers).

Payment cuts are imposed across payers and take a variety of forms.

Of the nearly 4,000 survey respondents...

- **47%** experienced Medicare Reductions
- **27%** experienced Medicaid Reductions
- **45%** experienced Private Insurer Reductions
- **45%** experienced Prior Authorization Denial
- **27%** experienced Post-Payment Review Denial

Survey respondents shared that they increased their fee schedule rates to maintain viability, which has an increased detrimental impact on uninsured patients or those paying out of pocket.

Resources:

**AUDIOLGISTS** specialize in preventing and assessing hearing and balance disorders as well as providing audiology treatment, including hearing aids.

**SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS (SLPs)** identify, assess, and treat speech, language, cognitive-communication, and swallowing disorders.