

HOW REIMBURSEMENT ISSUES WILL AFFECT THE TECHNOLOGIST'S FUTURE

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REIMBURSEMENT RATES CUT

- 2006 National Average for Screening:
\$140.00
- 2007 National Average for Screening:
\$82.00
- 2010 National Average for Screening:
\$35.00

TWO MAIN REASONS BEHIND CUTS

- Deficit Reduction Act (DRA)
- CMS used flawed assumptions to create reimbursement rates for DXA and VFA

LEWIN GROUP STUDY cont.

- Retaining adequate payment of **\$140.00** would result in a five-year savings of \$1.14 Billion in the cost of treatment

LEWIN GROUP STUDY IMPACT ON PATIENT CARE

- 2/3 of all DXA procedures are currently performed in office setting
- Physicians indicate they could be forced to eliminate DXA service

REDUCTION IN QUALITY OF CARE

- DXA services will be discontinued
- Patients no longer tested
- DXA equipment sold

NEED FOR LEGISLATIVE REMEDY

- ISCD and interested stakeholders have pursued talks with Center Medicare Services
- Given minimal success with CMS in restoring cuts, the only clear solution is LEGISLATIVE action

TAKE ACTION

- Be a **“PATIENT ADVOCATE”**
- Get involved to **“SAVE DXA”**

CONSEQUENCES

- Job elimination
- Financial burden
- Loss of Benefits

BE PREPARED

- Cross-train
- Learn new skills
- Be flexible and willing to accept change

CONCLUSION

- Your involvement is important
- Patient's depend on you
- You can make a difference