

By reducing disability from stroke, expanding access to telestroke can save Medicare and Medicaid money by increasing the percentage of stroke patients who are able to be discharged directly home, rather than to inpatient rehabilitation or long-term care. According to an AHA/ASA analysis, the FAST Act could result in *net* savings of \$1.2 billion over 10 years after both increased costs and savings are factored in.

In short, the FAST Act will help to improve the quality of stroke care that Medicare beneficiaries receive and will save money. We are encouraging your colleagues to co-sponsor this important legislation and look forward to continuing to work with you to secure its enactment. Thank you again for your leadership in improving care for stroke patients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Warner".

John J. Warner, M.D.
President