



CMS Proposed Physician Fee Schedule Changes for 2010 21.2 % cut in the 2010 Physician Fee Schedule

Independent of the proposed Fee Schedule change for 2010, CMS has already removed consultation codes from active status therefore they are no longer payable by Medicare, see MEDTRON website www.medtronsoftware.com to calculate the impact to your practice. In view of the significant loss our practices will sustain from the consult reimbursement loss, **YOU MUST ACT NOW TO STOP THE FEE SCHEDULE CUT.**

The 2010 proposed fee schedule will set the Conversion Factor (CF) at \$7.66 less than the 2009 CF, unless Congress steps in with a fix. Congress is expected to vote **tomorrow** on H.R. 3961, the "Medicare Physician Payment Act of 2009" for the fix.

This important legislation eliminates the 21.2% cut in Medicare physician reimbursement for 2010 and permanently repeals the sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula.

CONTACT YOUR CONGRESSMEMBER TODAY TO VOTE YES FOR H.R.3961
Attached is the most recent listing of the LA – MS – TN United States Senators and Congressmen.
AND SEND YOUR COMMENTS REGARDING THE 2010 FEE SCHEDULE TO CMS

To be assured consideration, comments must be received by CMS no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, **December 29, 2009.**

Send comments:

Electronically: <http://www.regulations.gov>

Follow the instructions under the "More Search Options" tab.

Regular Mail: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Department of Health and Human Services
Attn: CMS-1413-P
P.O. Box 8013
Baltimore, MD 21244-8013

Please allow sufficient time for mailed comments to be received before the close of the comment period.

Members of the State of LA House of Representatives Insurance Committee and the LA State Insurance Committee Members, both lists are available via <http://www.legis.state.la.us/>.

State of Mississippi contact information is available via <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/>.

State of Tennessee contact information is available via <http://www.legislature.state.tn.us/>.

Let your voice be heard!

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