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MEDICARE 2010 FEE SCHEDULE: NO NEWS ON THE IMMEDIATE HORIZON

Medicare payments would be stabilized for the next several years under a plan put forth by Congressional Democrats that delays sustainable growth (SGR) cuts to Medicare until 2014.

According to a summary of the bill, it would raise payments by 2.2% for the rest of 2010, provide a 1% increase in 2011 and potentially institute additional positive updates in subsequent years. This approach would delay the current SGR cut set at -21.3% for June 1. The American Medical Association believes if Congress delayed SGR cuts until 2015 it would compound the problem and produce a devastating 37% cut.

Congress is scheduled to recess from Memorial Day (May 31st) through June 4th. Members of Congress must adopt a fix before next week or you'll have to wait until after the first week of June for a solution. This hasn't been an ideal option for any of us.

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MEDTRON will continue to update our clients as new information is made available.

Urge your senators and representatives to repeal the SGR!

U.S. Senate: http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

U.S. House of Representatives: <http://www.house.gov/>