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MEDICARE PHYSICIAN FEE SCHEDULE 21% CUT LOOMING

Medicare News CMS Provider Education Message:

The negative update of 21% under current law for the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) is scheduled to take effect on **April 1, 2015**. MPFS claims for services rendered on or before March 31, 2015, are unaffected by the payment cut and will be processed and paid under normal procedures and time frames.

The Administration urges Congress to take action to ensure these cuts do not take effect. However, until that happens, CMS must take steps to implement the negative update. CMS will notify providers on or before April 11, 2015, with more information about the status of Congressional action to avert the negative update and next steps.

REMINDER: Under current law, electronic claims are not paid sooner than 14 calendar days (29 days for paper claims) after the date of receipt.

Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) Unprecedented vote on SGR repeal pending in Congress:

Tuesday, March 24, 2015, the [Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act](#), H.R. 2, was introduced in the House of Representatives. H.R. 2 offers an unprecedented opportunity to finally repeal the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula in a bipartisan way. **This is not a short-term fix.** In addition to repeal of the SGR, the legislation:

- Erases all future SGR cuts and ensures a 5-year period of annual updates of 0.5% to transition to the new payment system;
- Provides additional financial incentives for providers who move into alternative payment models;
- Harmonizes and streamlines existing Medicare quality reporting programs; and
- Reverses CMS' decision to eliminate the use of 10 and 90-day global surgical codes in Medicare.

No more patches, no more excuses! Tell Congress to repeal the SGR once and for all! It's easy and quick, and your voice will make a difference. Here's how you can make your voice heard:

1. Send an urgent [email](#) to your lawmakers.
2. Call your legislators - MGMA has partnered with the American Medical Association (AMA) in this endeavor and both urge providers to use the toll-free hotline 1-800-833-6354.
3. Contact key legislators directly through their own social media and share with your Facebook friends and Twitter followers!
4. Visit MGMA's [Advocacy Center](#) now to tell your lawmakers to repeal the SGR.

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