



Standard Growth Rate Formula Intervention

TALKING POINTS

- Please fix the Medicare physician payment formula. My practice and my patients cannot afford to have this pushed off to a later date.
- Medicare payment cuts create an unstable and unpredictable program. Physicians may be forced to stop seeing Medicare patients, who already are worried about the stability of this program.
- Without Congressional intervention, Medicare physician payments will be slashed by more than 21 percent -- a cut that inarguably will compromise access to care for Medicare patients and for military families whose TRICARE coverage is based on Medicare rates.
- Fixing the SGR affects the larger insurance pool. Many private insurance companies look to Medicare payment rates when determining the amounts they will pay physicians.