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Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) Fix Not Included in Final Senate Jobs Bill; 21.2% Cut Scheduled to Take Effect on March 1—Call Your Senators and Representative Today!

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) announced last night that he would push a scaled-back Jobs bill instead of a broader bill that would have included a number of extensions, including a short-term fix to the Medicare physician payment cut. Senate Finance Committee staff confirmed that the slimmed-down version of the Jobs bill no longer includes a provision that would have staved off the looming 21.2% Medicare physician payment cut through September 30, 2010. Senate Democrats noted their intent to pass a similar fix, along with other “extender” provisions, later in the month.

MGMA, along with the rest of the medical community, does not support another short-term fix that fails to address the underlying problem of the SGR formula. Short-term fixes only postpone and increase the amount of Medicare physician pay cuts.

We are asking all OMGMA members to contact your Senators and Representative and ask them to permanently repeal Medicare’s SGR formula. Contact information for Ohio’s two senators is below. Links to find contact information for your representative are <http://www.ohiomgma.com/writetocongress.html>.

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