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Breaking News:

On May 27th, CMS had instructed its contractors to hold claims for services paid under the MPFS for the first 10 business days of June (i.e., through June 14, 2010). This hold only affects MPFS claims with dates of service of June 1, 2010, and later.

Given the possibility of Congressional action in the very near future, CMS is now directing its contractors to continue holding June 1 and later claims through Thursday, June 17th, lifting the hold on Friday, June 18th.

This means that unless Congress sends legislation averting the cut to President Obama for signature within the next few days, carriers will begin processing claims with the 21.2% cut on Friday, June 18th.

SCCT needs you to act. Please contact your two US Senators and urge them to act soon to repeal the 21.2 percent Medicare reimbursement cut. Tell them that fixing the flawed SGR formula for the long term is necessary to preserve the integrity of the Medicare program and to instill confidence in patients and providers alike. Be sure and let your Senators know the impact of the 21.2 percent cut on your patients in terms of access to care, and to your practice and the people you employ.

In addition, please contact your Congressional Representative. Make sure to thank him/her for acting to prevent the 21.2 percent cut before June 1, 2010, despite Senate inaction on the measure. Be sure to convey that long term reform of the SGR must begin now. Ask him/her to work toward fundamental payment reform.

Your voices can make a difference! Thank you!

Contact Your U.S. Senators:

- Go to www.senate.gov
- In the upper right hand corner, click on the "Find Your Senators" drop down menu, select your State and click "Go"
- Contact information for your U.S. Senators will appear –click on the web form links and fill in your message.

Contact Your U.S. Representative:

- Go to www.house.gov
- In the upper left hand corner, click the "Write Your Representative" icon
- Submit the information requested and click "Contact My Representative"
- You may write a message to your Representative from this contact page, OR
- Call the Washington, DC office of your Representative and ask to speak with the health legislative assistant.