



SOCIETY OF
CARDIOVASCULAR
COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY

SCCT Grassroots Action Alert

LEND YOUR VOICE TO PREVENT FURTHER CONGRESSIONAL DELAYS IN ADDRESSING MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT – ACTION NEEDED TODAY!

This week the Senate must act to halt the 21.2 percent Medicare physician fee cut that took effect June 1, 2010. Before the House of Representatives adjourned for the Memorial Day District Work Period, the House approved legislation to halt the 21.2 percent cut, and to provide a small positive update for the remainder of 2010 and 2011. Beginning in 2012, deep cuts in physician payment would once again take place due to mandatory adjustments under Medicare's flawed Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula.

SCCT needs you to act. Please contact your two U.S. 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 Representative 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.

The Professional Society Devoted Exclusively to Cardiovascular CT
www.scct.org