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Reimbursement Alert

Congress has once again failed to stop the 21.2 percent Medicare physician fee cut scheduled to take effect June 1, 2010, as mandated under the flawed Sustainable Growth Rate formula. It is anticipated that lawmakers will reconsider the issue the week of June 7, 2010. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has indicated it will hold Medicare provider claims for 10 days in order to allow time for legislative action.

At this point it is uncertain if there is enough support in Congress to address Medicare physician payment for more than a year, largely due to the costs associated with correcting the flawed SGR formula. Updates will be posted as they become available.