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IMPORTANT MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT UPDATE

The U.S. House of Representatives has approved legislation to halt the 21.3 percent Medicare physician fee schedule cut and replace it with a 2.2 percent positive payment update through November 2010. Unfortunately, this short term fix does nothing to prevent deep cuts from taking effect in future years. It is anticipated under the current system that physicians will face cuts near 30 percent effective January 2011 if Congress does not act on long term payment reform and address fundamental problems with the current sustainable growth rate formula.

Medicare should automatically start to reprocess claims that were processed with the 21.3 percent cut in effect. Make sure to watch for specific information from your Medicare contractor.