March 5, 2014

TODAY you are needed for an all-physician, all-specialties, "National Call-to-Action for SGR Repeal" congressional call-in day. This effort on March 5th includes all of organized medicine and is designed to put the maximum possible grassroots pressure on Congress. The message to your lawmakers is simple:

- Cosponsor the SGR Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment Modernization Act (H.R. 4015/S. 2000)
- Bring H.R. 4015 to a vote in the House, and S. 2000 in the Senate, before April 1, when the current SGR patch expires
- Do not enact any more SGR patches

You are still in the midst of a game-changing opportunity to finally rid yourself of Medicare's flawed Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula. As ACP President Dr. Molly Cooke states in her video to you, "Your role in this effort is crucial. Congress is on the verge of repealing this flawed formula." We provide you here with a call script and 1-800 telephone number for Congress. Just follow the prompts once you click on the link below. Please call.

Check this link for information to get contact information for AZ Senators and Representatives:

https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/AZ

CALL ALERT

The clock continues to tick. There are only 9 legislative days until the 24 percent SGR cut goes into effect. Congress has yet to schedule a vote on legislation (SGR Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment Modernization Act of 2014, H.R. 4015/S. 2000) to finally rid physicians of the disastrous SGR formula and move your Medicare physician payments to a system that focuses on quality and value. This legislation has taken the issue of SGR repeal and reform further than any prior legislation. Its policy already has unprecedented support between the House and Senate, Republicans and Democrats. There is finally a real chance to end the SGR. They just need to vote.

Remind Me about the Legislation?

If you want more information about the legislation, below is some information for you.

Snapshot of Key Issues (5 pages)
Issue; Is Bill Consistent w/ACP Policy; Improvement Over Current Law?

Improvements over Current Law (2 pages)

FAQs (5 pages)
We Don’t Need No Stinkin’ Patches
The ACP Advocate Blog by Bob Doherty

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