Hi everyone,

I'm not sure if you all got the recent message from Shaun Tomlinson in the College's Washington office but after 17 patches over the last 11 years, the House is actually poised to vote as early as Tuesday on the SGR Repeal and Medicare Provider Payment Modernization Act of 2015 (H.R. 1470). This permanent fix has many good things for our patients and for members of our profession. Please reach out now to your representatives -- call, tweet, fax, email!! and let them know how important this is to you and your patients!!

You may use the College's legislative action center to both identify your reps and contact them here.

If you are also a member of the Rhode Island Medical Center (if not, why not??), you can access the FixMedicareNow website at this link.

The time for action is now!

Thanks,

Key highlights of the legislation include:

- The Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) would be eliminated permanently and physicians would see positive, stable baseline payments during a transition period to new payment models.
- Physician-led efforts to improve quality and lower costs would be recognized with higher incentive updates.
- Physicians would have the opportunity to receive higher updates for moving into alternative payment models that focus on accountability and care coordination, including Patient-Centered Primary Care Medical Homes and Patient-Centered Medical Home Specialty Practices.
- The legislation consolidates the three existing quality programs into a streamlined and improved program that rewards physicians who meet performance thresholds and improve care for seniors.