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Medicare SGR / Physician Payment Reform – 4/16/15 – MACRA signed by Obama

- What does it mean for Internists?
  - Stable annual updates of 0.5% 2015-19*
  - Consolidation of PQRS, VBM and MU → MIPS
  - Credit for QI efforts, PCMH = $500 M per year 2019-24
  - $20 M annually for small practices
  - APMs (for ACOs and advanced PCMH) construct alt path
    - Potential 5% bonus per year
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- Medicare Primary Care Incentive Payment Program
  - Has paid Primary Care docs 10% premium for outpatient E and Ms since 2011
  - Expires end 2015
  - Expiration under MACRA results in net loss rather than “stable and positive” payments intended
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Medicare – Medicaid Primary Care Pay Parity

- ACA 2013-2014
- Sunset end of 2014
- Reversion of Medicaid payments effectively results in 40% cut
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- GME and Primary Care Workforce Programs
  - Current GME funding is flat per IOM report
  - Limits ability to expand Internal Medicine Program as feeders for Primary Care
  - ACP Encouraged funding of more slots where the need is greatest
  - ACP Encouraged funding of National Health Care Workforce Commission approved by ACA
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