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HOW WILL MEDICARE CUTS AFFECT YOU?

- **Under current law, Medicare reimbursements to providers will be reduced by 30% on January 1, 2012, unless Congress intervenes.**
- **A cut in Medicare reimbursements WILL impact your current Medicare benefits.**
- **A cut in Medicare reimbursements WILL result in up to 56.7% of physicians across the country cutting staffing at medical offices¹.**
- **A cut in Medicare reimbursements WILL result in 68.7% of physicians across the country delaying the purchase of new technology¹.**
- **A cut in Medicare reimbursements WILL result in 34.8% of physicians across the country reducing the number of appointments for current Medicare patients¹.**
- **A cut in Medicare reimbursement WILL result in additional waiting times at the physician's office.**
- **A cut in Medicare reimbursement WILL result in 51.0% of physicians across the country limiting the number of new Medicare patients they accept and 30.9% of physicians across the country refusing to accept any new Medicare patients¹.**
- **A cut in Medicare reimbursement WILL result in a decline in the quality of healthcare that you have come to expect and deserve.**

If you are concerned about the Medicare cuts and the impact they will have, please contact our Congressmen. The best way to contact them is to access our website at www.mana.md and send an email. However, if you would prefer to send a letter, call or fax, we have prepared a form letter that you may use in your response on the reverse side of this letter. To be more effective, we encourage you to personalize this form letter into your own words. Due to security, it is preferable to fax letters rather than mail them if you have that opportunity.

Our goal at MANA is to be able to continue providing compassionate, comprehensive, quality healthcare to all patients.

¹ MGMA Legislative & Executive Advocacy Response Network Sustainable Growth Rate Study, Oct 2011

[Insert Date]

The Honorable [insert first and last name of Senator or Representative]

[Insert Address from below]

Dear [Senator or Representative _____]:

I currently live in [insert city and state] and am writing you to express my views regarding the sustainable growth rate (SGR). I am asking you to support repeal of this Medicare physician reimbursement system and to replace it with a system that will ensure the access Seniors have to physicians for future years.

As you know, due to the SGR, physicians treating our nation's seniors face 30% cuts in Medicare payments beginning in January 2012. The SGR has been universally viewed as flawed since its inception, and there is bipartisan support to replace this system with one that will sustain the foundation of the Medicare program into the future. In the past, Congress has repeatedly intervened to prevent similar cuts from going into effect. These stop-gap measures have magnified the problem by increasing the severity of future cuts and making the cost of permanent Medicare reform more expensive.

According to the Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) a majority of physicians across the country will limit the number of new Medicare patients they accept if Congress does not take action. I am concerned that these cuts will also negatively affect the access existing Medicare patients have to their care.

Please support replacement of the SGR with a system that will ensure the access that Seniors have to physicians for future years.

Sincerely,

[insert your name]

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