



California anesthesiologists: take action TODAY against SGR cuts!

On March 1, you - and all physicians - will face a **21% Medicare payment cut** unless Congress intervenes. As you will recall, Congress enacted a temporary extension of the 2009 Medicare physician payment rates, delaying implementation of the 21% through the end of February-less than one month from now.

[It is absolutely essential that you tell the Senate to take action and repeal the unworkable Sustainable Growth Rate formula \(SGR\).](#)

We cannot wait any longer. The physician community in California, including members from ASA, the American Osteopathic Association, the American College of Physicians and other physician groups, is joining forces **TODAY** to urge Sen. Dianne Feinstein and Sen. Barbara Boxer to take immediate action to repeal the SGR and provide physicians with positive Medicare payment updates.

Please call today and urge Sen. Dianne Feinstein and Sen. Barbara Boxer to support meaningful a meaningful SGR fix in the form of H.R. 3961, the "Medicare Physician Payment Reform Act," passed by the House on Nov. 19, 2009. This legislation would permanently repeal the unworkable SGR and create a path for future positive updates. ASA does NOT support a payment freeze that would inevitably be followed by an enormous payment cliff in the out-years.

It is unbelievable that the Senate is ready to spend \$1 trillion on health care reform, yet has made no effort to address the fundamental issue of the SGR and its egregious Medicare payment cuts. Please call Sen. Dianne FeinsteinSen. Barbara Boxer and urge their action. and

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