

U.S. Congress passes bill to extend pre-cut Medicare pay through May

MAG has learned that both the Senate and House passed an amended version of H.R. 4851 (“Continuing Extension Act of 2010”) to avoid the 21.3 percent Medicare physician payment cut that went into effect on April 1. The action will retroactively restore Medicare payment levels and extend payment rates to pre-cut levels through May 31, 2010. MAG has also learned that it is possible that some of the claims that were processed on April 15 will reflect the 21.3 percent cut, but the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is reporting that any such claims will be reprocessed and that payment adjustments will be made without physicians having to take any action. Physicians are encouraged to monitor www.mag.org for the latest information.