

# Tell Congress you want your doctor in your hour of need

Dear Medicare patients,

Congress just passed the most far-reaching health reform legislation in decades. Unfortunately, lawmakers failed to address the Medicare funding mechanism for physicians – one of the key factors that determine which doctor you can see in your hour of need.

Faced with steep payment cuts for a decade now, it's becoming increasingly difficult for physicians to see their Medicare patients as a practical economic matter. It's not that they don't want to see their Medicare patients – it's that they can't afford to see Medicare patients.

That's why the Medical Association of Georgia (MAG) is promoting a nationwide grassroots campaign to collect one million signatures from patients and physicians that's calling for a fair and stable Medicare physician payment formula – one that automatically keeps up with the cost of running a practice.

Taking this step will ensure that your doctor will be able to see you in your hour of need – which is why they became doctors in the first place.

As the leading voice for physicians in Georgia, MAG believes that the bond between patients and physicians is the foundation for the world's best medical care – and it's a relationship worth fighting for.

Please go to [www.ipetitions.com/petition/meltdown](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/meltdown) today so you can tell Congressional leaders that you expect them to fulfill the promise that was made to American seniors when the Medicare program was established in 1964.



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