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**Statement by Medicare Rights Center President Joe Baker
on
Pending Cuts to Medicare Physician Payments**

New York, NY – Preventing the 21 percent reduction to Medicare physician payments is imperative to ensuring Medicare consumers' continued access to providers. Increasingly, people with Medicare are being told by doctors that they will no longer be able to see Medicare patients due to these pending cuts. A plan that prevents reductions for an extended period would provide further opportunity to evaluate the current Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) system while protecting Medicare consumers' relationships with their physicians. A vote for the preservation of sufficient Medicare payment rates is a vote for people with Medicare.

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Medicare Rights Center is a national, nonprofit consumer service organization that works to ensure access to affordable health care for older adults and people with disabilities through counseling and advocacy, educational programs, and public policy initiatives.

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