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**House Passes the Senate-Passed Stand-Alone Six-Month Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) Bill (H.R. 3962) Under Suspension of the Rules; 21% Reduction in Medicare Physician Payments Prevented Through November 30, 2010**

Early this evening, the House of Representatives passed the Senate-passed stand-alone six-month SGR bill under suspension of the rules (requires two-thirds majority), by a vote of 417 to 1, which provides a 2.2% update to Medicare physician payments through November 30, 2010. The Senate passed the bill under unanimous consent, which is fully offset, late last week. **Specifically, the legislation provides a 2.2% update retroactive to June 1 through November 30, 2010. This update will replace the 21% reduction currently in effect and be applied retroactively to claims for services provided on or after June 1.**

Based on previous communications with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), we anticipate once the bill is signed into law, the agency will notify its contractors to begin reprocessing claims paid at the reduced rate.

We will continue to update you. If you have any questions, please contact ASCRS Director of Government Relations, Nancey McCann at [nmccann@ascrs.org](mailto:nmccann@ascrs.org).

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