



USDR Legislative Alert



Senate Approves 5 Year Moratorium on Cuts to Medicare/Tricare Physician Reimbursements

Senate Approves Medicare/TRICARE Doctor Payment Cut Delay

Ask Your Representative to Support the Senate amended HJ Res 45

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On January 28, the Senate amended and passed by a vote of 60-40, H. J. Res. 45, which would raise the debt ceiling by \$1.9 Trillion to a total of \$14.3 Trillion. Senators adopted an amendment by Sen. Reid that would codify the PAYGO principle. This amendment would allow (1) permanent extension without offsets of the middle class tax cuts enacted in 2001 and 2003, (2) a two year extension of current estate tax law and (3) the Alternative Minimum Tax.

Most important to military retirees and Medicare beneficiaries is that Reid's amendment would extend by five years, the soon-to-expire moratorium on the Sustained Growth Rate (SGR) mandated cuts of 21 percent to Medicare/Tricare physician reimbursements which will otherwise take effect on March 1, 2010. This extended moratorium of SGR mandated cuts should allow continued access to health care for military retirees and Medicare beneficiaries.

Please click the above TAKE ACTION link to send an editable letter to your Representative to support H. J. Res. 45 that will provide for a necessary increase to the national debt ceiling but most importantly will implement PAYGO procedures that will suspend the SGR mandated 21 percent cost reduction of physician reimbursements for Medicare and Tricare beneficiaries.