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MEDICARE FINAL RULE CONFIRMS DEEP CUT, CONGRESS MUST ACT THIS MONTH

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“Medicare’s final rule makes it official: Without congressional action, physician payments will be slashed 25 percent with the first cut of 23 percent beginning December 1. It is critical that Congress take quick action this month to stop the cut before it begins in order to ensure there is no disruption in access to care for seniors. Physicians are anxious about the future, and making decisions now about how many Medicare patients they can see and their participation status in Medicare for next year. Congress needs to send a strong message that seniors and physicians can count on Medicare by stopping the cut for at least 13 months, providing time for Congress to fix the Medicare mess once and for all.”

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