

**AMA Appreciates House Committee’s Leadership on Reforming Medicare;
Notes Work Remains to be Done**

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“The American Medical Association (AMA) appreciates the work undertaken so far this year by the bipartisan leadership of the Energy and Commerce Committee to end the broken Medicare physician payment system known as SGR and move toward a Medicare program that rewards high quality care and reduces costs. The legislation released by the committee yesterday evening represents continued progress, though work remains to be done.

“The AMA and 110 other physician organizations have developed [principles](http://www.ama-assn.org/resources/doc/washington/medicare-sustainable-growth-rate-transition-principles.pdf) (<http://www.ama-assn.org/resources/doc/washington/medicare-sustainable-growth-rate-transition-principles.pdf>) for transitioning Medicare to include an array of payment models that allow physicians the flexibility to choose options that will help lower costs and improve the quality of care for patients. The new models must be accessible to physicians in all practice sizes and settings so the country's physicians can have a stable practice environment that allows them to invest in their practices in order to provide high value care for Medicare patients.

“Physicians want to move past the failed SGR formula and toward a Medicare program that supports the best health outcomes for their patients and provides a stable, rewarding practice environment. We will continue to work with the Committee and the full Congress this year to improve Medicare for patients and physicians.”

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