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**MITA Applauds Finance and Ways & Means Committees for
Inclusion of Appropriateness Criteria in SGR Proposal**

Washington, D.C. – The Medical Imaging & Technology Alliance (MITA) today applauded Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) and Ranking Member Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), and House Ways & Means Committee Chairman Dave Camp (R-MI) for advancing a bipartisan policy proposal to permanently reform the sustainable growth rate (SGR), or “doc fix,” that includes appropriateness criteria for advanced medical imaging.

“MITA is pleased that the Senate Finance and House Ways & Means Committees have offered a permanent doc fix that requires the use of appropriateness criteria,” said Gail Rodriguez, executive director of MITA. “It is critical that policymakers establish physician-developed appropriateness criteria as the benchmark to guide the use of advanced medical imaging services. Appropriateness criteria, rather than the blunt instrument of across-the-board imaging cuts, is how to root out inappropriate use of imaging.”

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