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**AMA: Bipartisan Proposal to Repeal SGR an Encouraging Step to Improve Medicare for Physicians and Patients**

Statement attributable to: [Ardis Dee Hoven, M.D.](#), President, American Medical Association

“The AMA commends the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways and Means Committee for collaborating in a bipartisan, bicameral process to end the failed Medicare funding formula known as the sustainable growth rate, or SGR. Building on the strong foundation laid this summer by the House Energy and Commerce Committee, the framework released late yesterday is an encouraging development, and represents a pivotal step toward stabilizing and improving the Medicare program on behalf of America’s seniors and physicians.

“Congress is demonstrating that they understand that ending the failed SGR this year is fiscally responsible, and that the current Medicare payment system is a barrier to adoption of health care delivery and payment reforms that will improve health care for America’s seniors and rein in overall costs.

“AMA is currently analyzing the recently released summary, and looks forward to continuing the constructive, bipartisan dialogue that has characterized this process as preparations are made for moving legislation forward.”

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