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**LUGPA Applauds Senate Finance Committee and House Ways & Means Committee for  
Incorporating Appropriateness Criteria in SGR Proposal**

**Washington, D.C.** – LUGPA, an organization of physician groups delivering comprehensive, integrated urology care to patients nationwide, today applauded the Senate Finance Committee and House Ways & Means Committee for its efforts to create a bicameral, bipartisan policy proposal to permanently reform the deeply flawed sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula.

“We are encouraged to see that the Senate Finance and House Ways & Means Committees have offered a balanced solution to reform the SGR,” said Dr. Deepak A. Kapoor, President of LUGPA and Chairman and CEO of Integrated Medical Professionals, PLLC. “Inclusion of items such as evidence-based appropriateness criteria is a common-sense approach that can address concerns regarding utilization of services while preserving the ability of patients to seek care at their own doctor’s office – the most convenient and affordable site of service. This method provides a template to preserve access and ensure appropriate utilization that can be extended to other services as well. We look forward to working with policymakers in developing a system that rewards value over volume, enhances patient choice, and ensures access to cost-effective care that produces the best results. This SGR package is a welcome step in the right direction towards accomplishing this goal.”

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