SGR Repeal

Thank the nearly 400 Representatives and more than 90 Senators who voted to repeal the flawed Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula used to reimburse physicians for their Medicare services.

For 13 years, ACEP along with the AMA and other physician organizations have been urging Congress to repeal the SGR formula, which created uncertainty in physician’s Medicare reimbursements from year to year (and sometimes month to month). After numerous "Calls for Action," Leadership and Advocacy Conference meetings, ED visits, in-District meetings, calls, advocacy efforts by the Public Affairs staff in D.C., and 17 temporary patches to avert physician payment cuts, the U.S. Congress overwhelmingly approved legislation to repeal the SGR and replace it with a system that rewards quality, efficiency and innovation.

The House passed the bill, H.R. 2, the "Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act" (MACRA), on March 26 by a vote of 392-37, the Senate approved the bill on April 14 by a vote of 92-8 and President Obama signed it into law on April 16 (P.L. 114-10).

ACEP will be closely monitoring the implementation of H.R. 2 over the next few years as the regulatory agencies provide additional details of how the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) will be executed.