



Dear colleagues,

Today we have achieved an important victory for our Medicare and TRICARE patients.

By uniting our voices on Capitol Hill, we got Congress to pass the bipartisan Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act—which at last repeals the so-called “sustainable” growth rate (SGR) payment formula that perennially threatened patients’ access to care.

The new legislation removes much of the instability and uncertainty that long has plagued the Medicare payment system so our practices can be here to serve our patients. A huge step in the right direction, the bill also includes several other important improvements for physician practices. (You can [read more](#) about these provisions at *AMA Wire*®.)

Thank you for all your efforts to help make SGR repeal a reality. The united voice of the entire medical community is powerful indeed. We celebrate this achievement for our patients.

The AMA will continue our work to ensure the sustainability of physician practices and clear roadblocks to improving the health of the nation.

Be sure to [join us](#) in the journey ahead.

Sincerely,

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President, American Medical Association