

House Rejects Two Month Fix Approved by Senate; Caps and Cuts Remain Unresolved

This afternoon, the House decided not to vote on the Reid-McConnell Amendment to HR 3630 - The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2011 which was passed by the Senate and provided a two month fix to the SGR and therapy cap exceptions process along with other provisions. Instead, the House voted to create a conference committee to negotiate the differences between the House and Senate passed bills.

If the House and Senate cannot come to an agreement on a package before December 31, 2011, the therapy cap will go into effect on January 1, 2012. Furthermore, a scheduled 27.4% cut to provider payments under the Medicare physician fee schedule will be implemented. It is **critical** that Congress address these devastating caps and cuts as soon as possible.

What You Can Do

- Use the below phone numbers to call your legislators' offices.
- Express your support for a two-year extension of an SGR fix and the therapy cap exceptions process as outlined in the House bill.
- Tell your legislator that you support keeping SGR and therapy cap together in the same package.
- Remind your legislator that the two-year extension of the therapy cap exceptions process in the House bill saves money and creates a path to reform the therapy benefit long-term.
 - Senator Pat Roberts - (202) 224-4774
 - Senator Jerry Moran - (202) 224-6521
 - Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins - (202) 225-6601

Keep Your Colleagues Informed – Request that your colleagues call their congressional representatives and sign up for APTA's Grassroots Network, [PTeam](#). PTeam will be the main source of information for legislative updates and breaking news on the effort to pass legislation to extend the therapy cap exceptions process and avoid the 27.4% cut.

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Thanks for your help in getting the message through to Congress!