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OBAMA SIGNS BILL CANCELING 21 PERCENT MEDICARE PAY CUT FOR PHYSICIANS

Today, President Obama signed legislation reversing a 21 percent cut in physician's Medicare reimbursement and increasing doctors' pay by 2.2 percent through the end of November. The cut became law on June 1, 2010.

The Preservation of Access to Care for Medicare Beneficiaries and Pension Relief Act of 2010, which reversed the physician pay cut, was approved by the House on June 24; it earlier passed the Senate on June 18.

Even though the cut became law on June 1, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services only began paying claims with the reduction on June 18. It hopes to begin processing claims at the new rates no later than July 1.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of our healthcare attorneys at the offices below.



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