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Congressional "Asks"

Medicare Physician Payment **(House and Senate)**

- There will never be a better opportunity to repeal the SGR. Urge your leadership to develop bipartisan budget solutions and enact the SGR Repeal Act.
- In the past, Congress promised that it would pass a bill when the physician community united in support of good policy (H.R. 4015/S. 2000) to replace the Medicare SGR formula. We have done our part; it is time for Congress to keep its promise.
- Congressional inaction deprives America's seniors a stable Medicare program and sound policy based on the quality and value of the care provided with a realistic chance to control rising health care costs and stabilize the practice environment.

Trauma and Emergency Care **(House)**

- Co-sponsor H.R. 4080 and help ensure your constituents' access to trauma and emergency care.

Trauma and Emergency Care **(Senate)**

- Re-authorize the trauma systems and emergency care pilot projects and help ensure your constituents' access to trauma care.

96 Hour Rule/Critical Access Hospitals **(House and Senate)**

- Co-sponsor H.R. 3991/S. 2037, the Critical Access Hospital Relief Act, which would leave in place the currently enforced 96 hour average patient stay and prevent further disruptions.

Research Funding **(House and Senate)**

- Support FY 2015 funding initiatives for the NIH and CDC as listed in the leave behind materials. In the Senate, sign-on to the Casey/Burr letter supporting NIH funding in the FY2015 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill.
- Support funding for the Pediatric Research Initiative at the authorized level of $12.6 million for FY 2015 from the recently enacted Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act.
- Support and fund the creation of the Trauma Clinical Trials Network, which advances trauma research and guidelines achieved through our years of military deployments, translating them to the civilian community.

Medical Liability Reform (House)

- Co-sponsor H.R. 4106, the Saving Lives, Saving Costs Act, which would protect providers who adhere to physician-developed clinical practice guidelines and appropriate use criteria from groundless lawsuits.
- Co-sponsor H.R. 36, the Health Care Safety Net Enhancement Act, which provides emergency on-call specialists with Public Health Service Act liability protections for physicians providing EMTALA mandated care.
- Co-sponsor H.R. 1733, the Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act, which will ensure that health professionals who wish to provide voluntary care in response to a federally-declared disaster are able to do so and not face uncertainty about potential liability.

Medical Liability Reform (Senate)

- Co-sponsor S. 961, the Health Care Safety Net Enhancement Act, which provides emergency on-call specialists with Public Health Service Act liability protections for physicians providing EMTALA mandated care.
- Co-sponsor S.____, the Good Samaritan Health Professionals Act, which will ensure that health professionals who wish to provide voluntary care in response to a federally-declared disaster are able to do so and not face uncertainty about potential liability.