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## ISSUE BRIEF

### Summary

## Medicare Physician Payment Updates 2002-2011

Since 2002 Congress has intervened 12 times to prevent cuts in Medicare physician payments – including 5 times in 2010 alone.

Year	Scheduled Cut	Actual Update	Legislation
2002	-4.8%	-4.8%	
2003	-4.4%	1.4%	Consolidated Appropriations Resolution
2004	-4.5%	1.5%	Medicare Modernization Act (Public Law 108-173)
2005	-3.3%	1.5%	Medicare Modernization Act (Public Law 108-173)
2006	-4.4%	0.2%	Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-171)
2007	-5.0%	0%	Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-432)
2008 – January to June	-10.1%	0.5%	Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-173)
2008 – July to December	-10.6% from June 30, 2008 level	0% (0.5% above 2007)	Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-275)
2009	0%	1.1%	Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-275)
2010 January to February	-21.3%	0%	Department of Defense Appropriations Act (Public Law 111-118)
2010 March	-21.3%	0%	Temporary Extensions Act (Public Law 111-144)
2010 April to May	-21.3%	0%	Continuing Extensions Act (Public Law 111-157)
2010 June to November	-21.3%	2.2%	Preservation of Access to Care for Medicare Beneficiaries and Pension Relief Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-192)
2010 December	-21.3	2.2%	Physician Payment and Therapy Relief Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-286)
2011	-22%	0%	Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-309)
2012	-29.5%	?	