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21% CUT IN MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENTS **DELAYED UNTIL APRIL 1ST**

The Senate finally passed a late night bill that delayed a 21% cut in physician reimbursements collected under Medicare.

As we reported, in an effort to give Congress further time, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services instructed contractors to hold Medicare claims for the first 10 business days in March. Due to this action, and the passage of the Senate's bill, it is likely that no physician will experience the threatened 21% cut, at least until April 1, 2010.

The Senate is now considering a bill to delay the SGR cuts until October 1, 2010. We will continue to watch for developments on this issue.

If you have any questions regarding this alert, please contact [Rebecca Rojas](#), [Christie Burbank](#) or any other member of Miller & Martin's [Health Care Practice Group](#).

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