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Congress Passes 2 Month SGR Fix

Today the US House of Representatives voted to support the Senate's version of the SGR 'fix'. The House, which days ago rejected the Senate's 2-month reprieve of Medicare's 27.4% pay cut, voted via "Unanimous Consent" to approve the Senate's amended bill. In addition to averting the SGR cuts, the bill also forestalls for 2 months the federal tax increase that was scheduled to begin January 1, 2012. The bill now goes to President Obama, who is expected to sign the legislation.

Congress's action will have the effect of continuing the 2011 Conversion Factor for the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule until March 1, 2012. However, Congress must pass another 'fix' between now and February 29th in order to prevent an SGR related cut from going into effect on March 1st.

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