

MAG statement on H.R. 3961

The Medical Association of Georgia supports H.R. 3961. We don't see the bill as a permanent solution, but it's certainly a step in the right direction. MAG President Gary C. Richter, M.D., says that, "Our Congressional leaders need to address the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) in a comprehensive way. This has everything to do with our government fulfilling the promise it made to American seniors when it instituted the Medicare program in 1964. The 21.5 percent SGR physician payment cuts that are scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2010 are unacceptable and would have disastrous results in terms of patients' access to medical care."