

MAG president calls for permanent, comprehensive SGR fix

“Our Congressional leaders must address the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) in a permanent and comprehensive way. This is about 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 will have disastrous results in terms of patients’ access to medical care. We simply shouldn’t be talking about an expanded government-run health care program when the Medicare program we have isn’t sustainable.”

– Gary C. Richter, M.D., President, the Medical Association of Georgia