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Dear Anthony,

**Your Senators need to hear from you TODAY to improve the Medicare physician payment bill for vulnerable beneficiaries.**

The Senate will vote early next week on a House bill (H.R. 2) that makes critical improvements in Medicare—but largely at the expense of people on the program.

The bill includes some good news, including reforming physician payments and making the Qualifying Individual (QI) program for low-income beneficiaries permanent.

**But it forces people with Medicare to shoulder more than their fair share of the cost.** Half of the \$70 billion needed to pay for the bill would come from increases in Medicare beneficiaries' out-of-pocket expenses.

**Tell your Senators to make the bill more balanced for seniors and people with disabilities!**

Ask them to support an amendment that would:

- Strengthen protections and outreach for low-income beneficiaries
- Eliminate arbitrary restrictions on access to needed physical, occupational, and speech therapies
- Extend expiring funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs)

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