



**CALIFORNIA PHYSICIANS CANNOT SUSTAIN FURTHER MEDICARE CUTS
AND PRESERVE ACCESS TO CARE**

If the Medicare SGR formula continues, physician practice costs will go up more than 15% while Medicare payments decrease 26%.

According to the most recent CMA statewide survey, if payment reductions occur:

60% of physicians will no longer accept NEW Medicare patients.

40% said they would be forced to quit the Medicare program.

CALIFORNIA HEALTH CARE IS ALREADY UNDERFUNDED

Commercial payment rates are 30% lower than the national average.

Medi-Cal payment rates rank in the bottom third.

More than 6.7 million Californians are without health insurance.

These lower Medicare rates will be adopted by the private payers in California. Therefore, the entire health care system will be negatively impacted.

California has some of the lowest reimbursement rates in the nation, while the cost of living and medical practice rates are among the highest.

California faces severe physician shortages because of the economic environment.

58% of physicians responding to a CMA survey are experiencing difficulty attracting physicians to join their practice.

U.C. Berkeley recently published a study warning of the aging physician workforce that is not being replenished.

California is in the midst of an ER On-Call Crisis; 60 ERs have closed.

