

Dear PMC Members:

As Congress gets ready to adjourn for the year, they are set to vote on a Medicare package that would delay the scheduled 10% cut in Medicare physician reimbursement and extend funding for the State Children's Health Insurance Plans (SCHIP). Earlier, it was expected that Congress might fund these proposals with a series of "Medicare revisions," including a provision that would eliminate the first month purchase option for power mobility devices (PMDs). These revisions were not part of the final package that should be approved by both the House and Senate prior to their adjournment. A copy of the Medicare package is attached.

It is likely, however, that the elimination of the first month purchase option for PMDs will resurface in the Spring when Congress, once again, plans to revisit the Medicare program.

As always, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Eric

Link to a summary of the SCHIP/Medicare package passed by Congress can be found at:

<http://finance.senate.gov/press/Bpress/2007press/prb121907.pdf>