

# **MEDICARE PATIENTS: without your action, an unaccountable, unelected body created by congress will jeopardize your access to quality specialty medical care**

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**The Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB)—created by the Health Care Reform law—is an unaccountable, unelected body** of officials created in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA or Obama Care) to recommend Medicare spending reductions to reach target spending levels. These unelected individuals, will have the authority to make significant changes to Medicare, unless blocked by a congressional three-fifths supermajority. No more than half of the members can be a health care provider or manager, and no practicing physicians can serve on the board.

**As a Medicare patient, you are at significant risk when these decisions are left to individuals with little or no clinical expertise and unchecked by either Congressional or judicial authority**

**Further, due to special interest lobbying, over 30% of Medicare payments, including those to hospitals, are exempt from cuts till 2020, which will result in the sacrifices being shouldered by physicians and Medicare Parts C and D.**

**Physicians are already paid below market rates for the Medicare services and IPAB will likely lower then by at least 30% making it difficult to recoup costs for seeing patients.**

**Unfortunately, many doctors may have to reconsider their continued participation in the Medicare program because of the combined effect of the IPAB and Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) cuts already in place.**

**To download this handout or a copy of the actual bill explained in plain English, please go to [www.PAACnow.org](http://www.PAACnow.org)**

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**YOU CAN STOP IPAB AND HELP ENSURE YOUR CONTINUED ACCESS TO QUALITY CARE**

**INFORM YOUR FRIENDS  
CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS – And Vote!**