

One Hundred Eleventh Congress  
of the  
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday,  
the fifth day of January, two thousand and ten*

An Act

Entitled The Physician Payment and Therapy Relief Act of 2010.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of  
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “The Physician Payment and Therapy Relief Act of 2010”.

**SEC. 2. PHYSICIAN PAYMENT UPDATE.**

Section 1848(d)(11) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4(d)(11)) is amended—

(1) in the heading, by striking “NOVEMBER” and inserting “DECEMBER”;

(2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “November 30” and inserting “December 31”; and

(3) in subparagraph (B)—

(A) in the heading, by striking “REMAINING PORTION OF 2010” and inserting “2011”; and

(B) by striking “the period beginning on December 1, 2010, and ending on December 31, 2010, and for”.

**SEC. 3. TREATMENT OF MULTIPLE SERVICE PAYMENT POLICIES FOR THERAPY SERVICES.**

(a) **SMALLER PAYMENT DISCOUNT FOR CERTAIN MULTIPLE THERAPY SERVICES.**—Section 1848(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(7) **ADJUSTMENT IN DISCOUNT FOR CERTAIN MULTIPLE THERAPY SERVICES.**—In the case of therapy services furnished on or after January 1, 2011, and for which payment is made under fee schedules established under this section, instead of the 25 percent multiple procedure payment reduction specified in the final rule published by the Secretary in the Federal Register on November 29, 2010, the reduction percentage shall be 20 percent.”.

(b) **EXEMPTION OF PAYMENT REDUCTION FROM BUDGET-NEUTRALITY.**—Section 1848(c)(2)(B)(v) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4(c)(2)(B)(v)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subclause:

“(VII) **REDUCED EXPENDITURES FOR MULTIPLE THERAPY SERVICES.**—Effective for fee schedules

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established beginning with 2011, reduced expenditures attributable to the multiple procedure payment reduction for therapy services (as described in subsection (b)(7)).”

**SEC. 4. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*Vice President of the United States and  
President of the Senate.*