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United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of the nation's medical schools, teaching hospitals, and our physician faculty, I write to offer our support for the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (H.R. 2). This bipartisan legislation would repeal Medicare's flawed Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) formula, reform the physician payment system, and provide stable and predictable payment updates.

The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) is a not-for-profit association representing all 141 accredited U.S. medical schools; nearly 400 major teaching hospitals and health systems, including 51 Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers; and nearly 90 academic and scientific societies. Through these institutions and organizations, the AAMC represents 148,000 faculty members, 83,000 medical students, and 115,000 resident physicians.

The SGR package includes several provisions supported by AAMC, including funding the National Health Service Corps, funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program, delaying Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital program cuts, and extending the partial enforcement delay of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' "two-midnight" policy. While we are disappointed the agreement includes hospital payment reductions as offsets, we appreciate that the policies do not disproportionately affect the nation's medical schools and teaching hospitals.

Again, the AAMC supports passage of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 and looks forward to working with Congress as it moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Atul Grover". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Atul Grover, MD, PhD
Chief Public Policy Officer