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Spine Specialists Support H.R. 2 (Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015)

Washington, D.C.—The National Association of Spine Specialists (NASS), which represents more than 8,000 spine specialists and their patients nationwide, supports H.R. 2 (the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015). This [legislation](#) will be voted on by the House of Representatives tomorrow, March 26, 2015.

“The leadership in the House of Representatives should be commended for taking this important step towards ensuring that we can get rid of Medicare’s failed sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula once and for all,” said John Finkenberg, MD, an orthopedic surgeon and NASS Advocacy Council Director. “The time for talk and patches is over, so let’s pass this bill to ensure that our nation’s most vulnerable patients and seniors have access to the best quality care as soon as possible.”

During this lengthy development process, NASS provided comments to the relevant health care committees. This proposed legislation permanently replaces Medicare’s Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR) with a stable payment system that promotes higher quality care for seniors, while reducing the administrative burden placed on physicians.

“The March 31 deadline for the flawed SGR is looming—Congress must act now if we are to avoid another wasteful patch,” said Finkenberg.

The [National Association of Spine Specialists](#) brings together spine care providers and patients as a unified voice in the fight for sound health policy. NASS is a multidisciplinary medical organization dedicated to fostering the highest quality, evidenced-based and ethical spine care by promoting education, research and advocacy. NASS is comprised of more than 8,000 members from several disciplines, including orthopedic surgery, neurosurgery, physiatry, neurology, radiology, anesthesiology, research and physical therapy.

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