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## A NOTE TO OUR VALUED PATIENTS

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Perhaps you have heard on the news that the Senate has refused to repeal the Medicare physician payment formula that caused a drastic 21% payment cut to physicians who provide care to all Medicare patients. As you can imagine, a 21% cut in reimbursements will significantly impact our practice and our ability to provide quality care.

You may also know that about one in four Medicare patients are currently looking for a new primary care physician and are having trouble finding one, due to the low reimbursements currently issued by Medicare. With this additional cut of 21%, physicians will be forced to limit the number of Medicare patients they can treat or limit the services they provide – or cease seeing them altogether.

We are dedicated to you, our patients. We want to continue to provide quality care to you and your families. But, with these cuts, we may no longer be able to do so. We also want you to be able to choose your doctor for your future healthcare needs.

The implementation of the fee cuts has been extended to the end of March. We urge you to contact your congressmen and insist that they take action NOW. If something is not done by March 31st, Medicare reimbursements will be cut with no hope of correction. We have included a list of Georgia Congressmen and their contact numbers. ***Please do what you can to ensure that you get the medical care you need and deserve.***

Sincerely,

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