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House Votes to Extend Medicare Fees Through December

The House passed HR 5712, The Physician Payment and Therapy Relief Act of 2010, to extend Medicare payments at current levels through December 2010. The Senate passed the bill on November 18 and the president is expected to sign it into law no later than tomorrow, November 30.

Senate Finance Chairman Max Baucus, D-Minn., and ranking member Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, are reportedly still working to pursue a year-long patch that could be voted on before Congress adjourns for the year.