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Mayo Clinic Reacts to House Subcommittee Vote on Medicare Payment Legislation

ROCHESTER, Minn. — The House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health today approved Medicare reimbursement legislation that would repeal the Sustainable Growth Rate and lead to a physician payment system focused on health care quality. Mayo Clinic President and CEO John Noseworthy, M.D., issued the following statement in reaction to the vote:

“Mayo Clinic is pleased to see the committee move forward with reforms that eliminate the SGR and establish a transitional payment period that will lead toward a payment system focused on provider quality measures,” Dr. Noseworthy says.

Mayo Clinic’s principles for Medicare reimbursement changes are aligned with the direction of the legislation, Dr. Noseworthy says. Congress should focus on evidence-based quality measures, he says.

“We believe physician payment must be based on evidence-based quality measures that lead to better patient outcomes. By making this the core of payment reform, we can put in place a structure that motivates providers to offer higher-quality care for Medicare patients and to deliver that care cost-effectively,” Dr. Noseworthy says.

The legislation now moves to the full committee for its review.

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