



To: Our Medicare patients and families

A crisis is coming and we need your help now!

Did you know:

- According to the government, the average cost to run this practice has gone up 20% in the last five years.
- But Medicare is still paying us the same rate to treat you as they paid us five years ago.
- To make matters worse, Medicare plans to cut its payments to us by 5% on Jan. 1, 2007.
- This cut is just the tip of the iceberg, with Medicare planning to cut our payments even more—40%!—over the next nine years.

This is a serious problem for patients and for doctors all over the country. **We cannot continue to provide you with high-quality care if Congress doesn't take action to stop the cuts.**

Congress isn't going to act unless you do. Call (888) 434-6200 or visit www.patientsactionnetwork.org to learn more.

*A message from your doctor and the American Medical Association
Helping doctors help patients*

