

Late yesterday, Rep. Tom Price, MD (R-GA) introduced the Medicare Patient Empowerment Act (HR 1700). This bill, based on policy adopted by the AMA House of Delegates, would allow Medicare patients and their physicians to enter into private contracts without penalty to either party. It would enable beneficiaries to use their Medicare benefits to see physicians who do not accept Medicare, as opposed to paying for the entire cost of their care out-of-pocket as required under current law.

We hope you will take the time to study the bill and join us in expressing our support and appreciation for Dr. Price's continued advocacy for the medical profession, and participate in our efforts to secure cosponsors for this important legislation.

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