



PRESCRIPTION FOR ACTION: Protect Your Practice and the Sleep Medicine Field

- MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD:** Contact your representatives in the Senate and House of Representatives, and share your concern about the proposed cuts to Medicare and TRICARE. The AASM has a [template letter](#) you can send by fax, mail or e-mail to elected officials. If you prefer to call the office of your representative, you can utilize [the talking points](#) we have developed for members.

- INCREASE AWARENESS IN YOUR COMMUNITY:** Send an editorial to your local paper about the proposed cuts and what it means for access to quality care for sleep disorders in your area. The AASM has developed a [sample editorial](#) for members to use with media.

- EDUCATE AND INVOLVE YOUR PATIENTS:** Make your Medicare and TRICARE patients aware of the effects the proposed cuts have on their care. Distribute the [informational brochures](#) the AASM has provided to accredited facilities and encourage Medicare and TRICARE beneficiaries to utilize the Patient Action Network.

- STAY INFORMED:** Visit the [AASM's website](#) for the latest news about the 2011 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule and its impact on sleep medicine.

- SUPPORT THE AASM PAC:** Strengthen our efforts to safeguard your practice and sleep medicine by contributing to the [AASM PAC](#).