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Dear Medicare Patient:

At this time, we feel it is necessary to make you aware of impending reductions in physician Medicare reimbursement which could dramatically affect your healthcare choices. One of the primary goals of current healthcare reform efforts is to make medical care accessible to all by providing affordable, high quality healthcare coverage. We support this goal.

The Medicare physician payment formula, also known as the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR), must be permanently corrected in order for us to continue providing the highest quality of care to our Medicare patients. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced a 21.5% reduction in Medicare reimbursement to physicians. Although this decrease has been temporarily postponed by Congress, it is expected to be reinstated on March 1, 2010. This means physician reimbursement will be **less than half of what it was in 1995**. CMS plans to further reduce reimbursement by an additional 20% by the year 2014. As a result, it is expected that physicians will begin to limit available appointments to Medicare patients, severely jeopardizing access to medical services.

OAD Physicians are dedicated to providing our patients with the highest level of medical care and services. Although we are reluctant, the proposed reimbursement reductions may force us to make difficult decisions. Please call or write your Congressmen, asking them to repeal the Sustainable Growth Rate formula that mandates cuts in physician reimbursement each year, and to replace it with a formula that keeps up with the cost of providing care. They need to know that you want them to vote against SGR.

Sincerely,

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