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U.S. House Passes Legislation to Prevent 2% Medicare Cut Until 2022 / Bill Signed by the President

Earlier this week the US House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved legislation, [H.R. 1868](#), to extend until the end of the year the 2% -- or \$18 billion-- Medicare sequester moratorium that had expired on April 1. This bill to prevent ill-timed Medicare cuts to physicians and other care providers had previously passed the U.S. Senate by a vote of 90-2 in late March. **President Biden signed it into law last evening.**

All Medicare intermediaries, including National Government Services in Connecticut, were instructed to hold processing claims for a "short period" in anticipation of some kind of action by Congress to deal with the situation. The delay was to avoid the reprocessing of those claims if the moratorium was extended. **NGS is expected to process the back claims as quickly as possible.**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has been holding off on processing April Medicare claims to avoid making payments with reduced amounts. Prevention of these cuts was a significant goal of organized medicine.
