

# House Joint Memorial 20

Sponsored by Representatives BARTON, DEMBROW

## SUMMARY

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Urges Congress to enact legislation concerning Medicare reimbursement rates.

## JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas current Medicare reimbursements fail to adequately remunerate physicians; and

Whereas Oregon, due to its effective delivery of health services, has lower reimbursement rates than most other states; and

Whereas the insufficiency of Medicare reimbursements has doubled the number of primary care providers no longer accepting new Medicare patients in Oregon; and

Whereas over 500,000 Oregon seniors are currently enrolled in Medicare; now, therefore,

### **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

(1) That the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that increases physicians' Medicare reimbursement rates and lessens reimbursement rate variation among the states.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.