

AAFP Fires Off Recommended Changes to 2016 Proposed Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

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The AAFP once again has meticulously researched CMS' recommendations for the Medicare physician fee schedule for the coming year and sought ways to improve the proposal in family physicians' favor. The proposed 2016 schedule was published in the July 15 [Federal Register](http://www.gpo.gov). (www.gpo.gov)

After scouring the proposed 2016 Medicare physician fee schedule for items that affect family physicians, the AAFP fired off a letter to CMS calling for a number of improvements. AAFP Board Chair Reid Blackwelder, M.D., focused on issues such as payment for advance care planning, chronic care management, and evaluation and management codes. The Academy also looked ahead to 2019 and commented on CMS' future implementation of the Merit-based Incentive Payment System and alternative payment models. For full story: <http://www.aafp.org/news/government-medicine/20150902feeschedule.html>