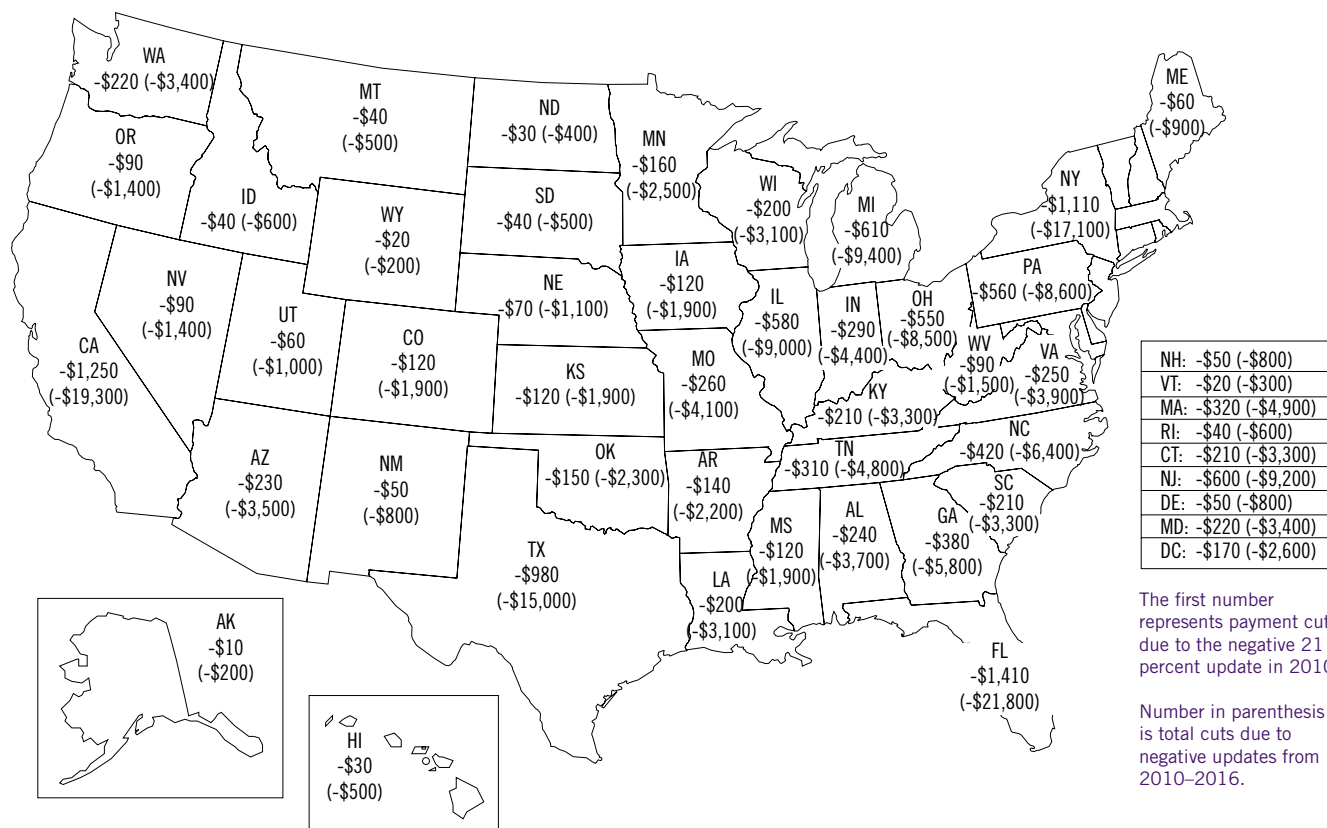


Medicare payment cuts for physician services by state, 2010–2016 (in millions)



Source: The projected negative Medicare physician payment updates are from the 2008 Medicare Trustees Report with adjustments to reflect the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act. The source of the state-by-state analysis is the American Medical Association Division of Economic and Health Policy Research, February 2009.

Ask your senators and representative to help enact legislation that will:

- End the annual cycle of addressing steep Medicare cuts with short-term band-aids
- Eliminate the SGR and implement a new update formula that will replace the 21 percent cut for 2010 and future cuts with updates based on medical practice cost increases
- Advance reforms that offer positive incentives for physicians to enhance the coordination, quality and value of seniors' health care