



AMA Survey of American Public on Medicare Physician Payment Cuts October 2010

All Age Groups Say Cut Serious Problem, Want Congress to Act Immediately

The overwhelming majority, **94 percent, of American adults** age 18 and older feel the looming Medicare physician payment cut poses a **serious problem for seniors** who rely on Medicare.

- **98 percent** of adults 55 years of age and older responded that it was a serious problem.
- 81 percent of adults aged 55 and older responded that it is a **very serious problem**.

Four out of five adults, or 81 percent, stated that Congress should act immediately to stop the Medicare physician payment cut.

- **91 percent of adults** age 55 or over believe Congress should act immediately.
- **95 percent** of adults age 65 and older, an age range where many now rely on Medicare, say Congress should act immediately.

The national online poll of 1,000 Americans age 18 and over was conducted from October 22 – 26, 2010 by Synovate eNation. The survey asked a representative sample of the American public if they thought the Medicare physician payment cut was a serious problem and whether Congress should act immediately to stop the cut. The margin of error was +/- 3 percentage points.