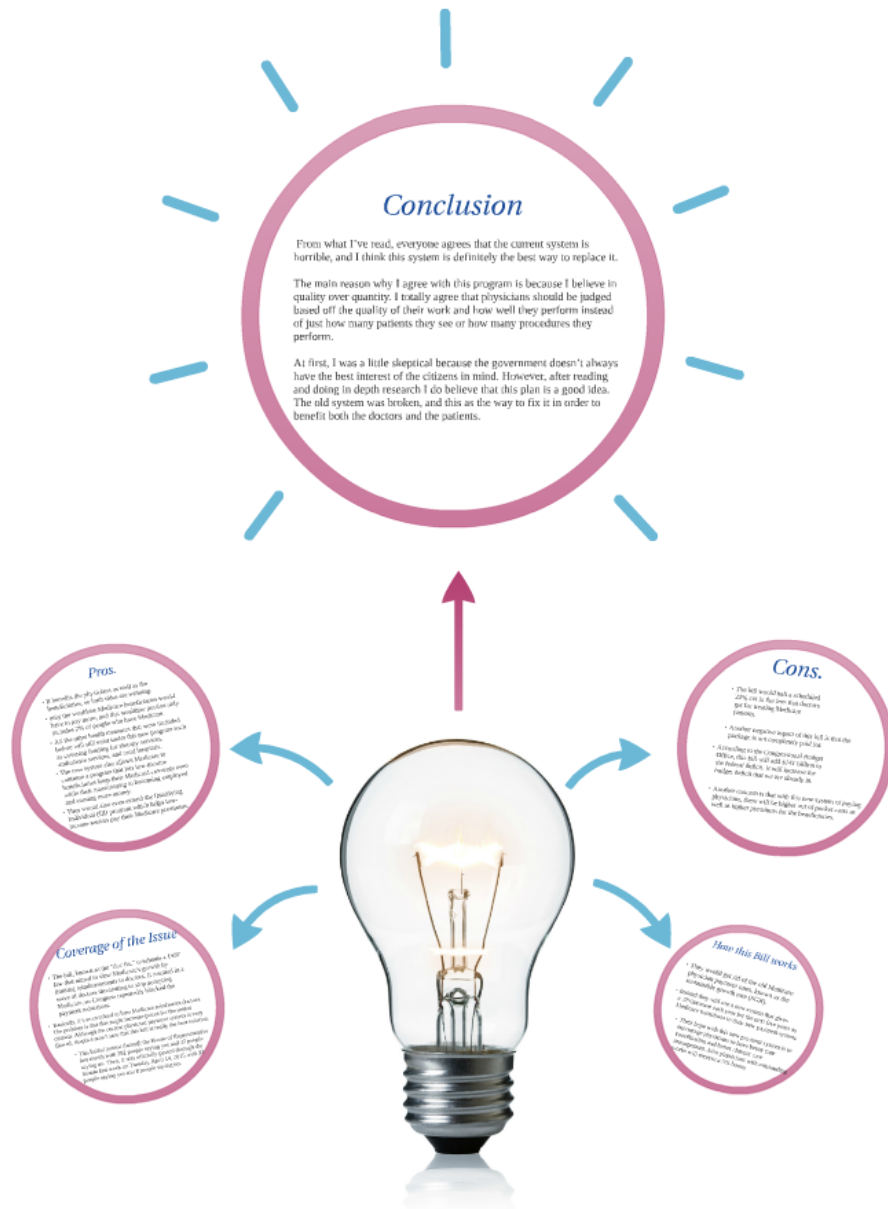


Physician Payment And The Sustainable Growth Rate (Sgr) Fix

Coverage of the Issue

- The bill, known as the "doc fix," overhauls a 1997 law that aimed to slow Medicare's growth by limiting reimbursements to doctors. It resulted in a wave of doctors threatening to stop accepting Medicare, so Congress repeatedly blocked the payment reductions.
- Basically, it's an overhaul to how Medicare reimburses doctors. The problem is that this might increase prices for the senior citizens. Although the current physician payment system is very flawed, skeptics aren't sure that this bill is really the best solution.
 - This bill passed through the House of Representative last month with 392 people saying yes and 37 people saying no. Then, it was officially passed through the Senate last week on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 with 92 people saying yes and 8 people saying no.





Conclusion

From what I've read, everyone agrees that the current system is horrible, and I think this system is definitely the best way to replace it.

The main reason why I agree with this program is because I believe in quality over quantity. I totally agree that physicians should be judged based off the quality of their work and how well they perform instead of just how many patients they see or how many procedures they perform.

At first, I was a little skeptical because the government doesn't always have the best interest of the citizens in mind. However, after reading and doing in depth research I do believe that this plan is a good idea. The old system was broken, and this is the way to fix it in order to benefit both the doctors and the patients.

Pros.

- It benefits the physicians as well as the beneficiaries, as both sides are winning.
- This bill would make a huge impact on the way that we pay our doctors and it would be a huge step in the right direction.
- It would help to reduce the number of doctors who are leaving the profession.
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Cons.

- The bill would not be a perfect solution for the industry.
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How this Bill works

- The bill would fix the Sgr problem by allowing doctors to bill for services at a rate that is based on the quality of their work.
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