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2% Medicaid Fee Cut Budgeted for Physicians

ACTION NEEDED: CONTACT YOU LEGISLATORS BY FRIDAY FEB 26TH

The new budget currently includes a 1.98 % fee cut for physicians and a 1.6% bed tax for hospitals.

If you are concerned about the impact this will have on your practice and community please contact your local Senator and Representative.

Tell them: A One dollar tobacco tax is a better solution

It's Healthier

- Tobacco related illnesses cost the healthcare system millions of dollars
- Less smoking is healthier for pregnant women and Georgia citizens
- Talk about how tobacco has affected your patients and the community
- As smoking decreases healthcare costs will decrease

It Can Balance the Medicaid Budget

- Tobacco tax dollars can balance the budget without cutting physician fees
- Physicians have not had a Medicaid fee increase in 9 years
- The Medicaid physician fee increase approved by the legislature 2 years ago was never implemented
- Physicians are small businesses and generate jobs for Georgians
- 28% of physicians surveyed will stop taking Medicaid if fees are cut
- Fee cuts mean care access for pregnant women will be limited, especially in rural Georgia

Tell Them to

- Make sure tobacco dollars are used for the **Medicaid/healthcare budget**

How to Find and Contact Your State Representative and Senator

Go to the Georgia OBGyn Society website: Georgiaobgyn.org

- Go to Resources
- Click on Georgia State Legislators
- Enter your zip code where indicated
- Look under: State Legislature to find your Representative and Senator and look up their contact information.