

## Medicare's Payment to Physicians: the Budgetary Impact of Alternative Policies Relative to CBO's May 2013 Baseline

*(billions of dollars, by fiscal year)*

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2014- 2018	2014- 2023
<b>REPLACE THE SUSTAINABLE GROWTH RATE WITH SPECIFIED UPDATES</b>												
0% Update through 2023	8.6	13.4	13.0	12.7	12.7	13.8	15.0	15.8	16.9	17.2	<b>60.4</b>	<b>139.1</b>
1% Update through 2023	8.8	14.3	14.6	14.9	15.6	17.6	19.8	21.8	24.4	25.9	<b>68.2</b>	<b>177.7</b>
MEI Update through 2023	8.7	14.5	15.7	17.2	19.1	22.6	26.2	29.6	34.0	37.1	<b>75.2</b>	<b>224.8</b>
<i>Note: CBO's MEI Projection</i>	<i>0.7%</i>	<i>2.0%</i>	<i>2.8%</i>	<i>2.8%</i>	<i>2.8%</i>	<i>2.6%</i>	<i>2.1%</i>	<i>2.1%</i>	<i>2.2%</i>	<i>2.0%</i>		
<b>CLIFF OPTIONS<sup>a</sup></b>												
0% Update for 2014 <i>cliff: -21% in 2015</i>	8.6	7.7	1.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	*	*	-0.1	-0.1	<b>18.2</b>	<b>18.1</b>
0% Update for 2014-2015 <i>cliff: -18% in 2016</i>	8.6	13.1	8.1	2.1	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	<b>32.9</b>	<b>36.7</b>
1% Update for 2014 <i>cliff: -21% in 2015</i>	8.8	8.2	1.5	0.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	<b>18.9</b>	<b>17.8</b>
1% Update for 2014-2015 <i>cliff: -19% in 2016</i>	8.8	14.0	8.7	2.1	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	<b>34.4</b>	<b>36.2</b>
MEI Update for 2014 <i>cliff: -21% in 2015</i>	8.7	8.3	1.5	0.3	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	<b>18.9</b>	<b>17.9</b>
MEI Update for 2014-2015 <i>cliff: -20% in 2016</i>	8.7	14.2	9.2	2.1	0.7	0.3	0.1	*	*	*	<b>34.9</b>	<b>35.5</b>

**Notes:**

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

\* = changes in direct spending that are between \$50 million and -\$50 million.

a. In these cliff options, the legislation would specify the payment rate update for either one- or several years. The payment rate in the year immediately following the period in which the payment rate is overridden would be set as if the override had not happened.