

Subject: Action item for June Board Meeting
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Zoe,

I am submitting the following action item for the June Board agenda. The Government Information Committee met yesterday and passed a motion recommending the Board consider support of the following bill introduced in Congress. The bill text and other information is linked below.

[S.967 — 115th Congress \(2017-2018\) Medicare Ambulance Access, Fraud Prevention, and Reform Act of 2017](#). Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) introduced S. 967 on 04/27/2017. The bill would make permanent the urban and rural Medicare add-ons and super-rural bonus payments that have been temporarily added in past years but otherwise expire on Dec. 31, 2017. The bill also would recognize ambulance services as providers of medical services rather than mere suppliers of transportation. This is important for setting the stage for future changes to the Medicare ambulance fee schedule, e.g., treatment and referral of a patient not requiring transport, etc. The bill also would require ambulance service providers to submit cost data to assist in determining appropriate reimbursement rates.

I thought it best to submit this now while it is still fresh in my mind!

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