

# Calendar No. 178

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. 1776

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 13, 2009

Ms. STABENOW introduced the following bill; which was read the first time

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Read the second time and placed on the calendar

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Physician  
5 Fairness Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE PHYSICIAN FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE FOR**  
2 **YEARS BEGINNING WITH 2010.**

3 (a) UPDATE.—Section 1848(d) of the Social Security  
4 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4(d)) is amended by adding at the  
5 end the following new paragraph:

6 “(10) UPDATE FOR 2010 AND SUBSEQUENT  
7 YEARS.—The update to the single conversion factor  
8 established in paragraph (1)(C) for 2010 and each  
9 subsequent year shall be 0 percent.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING SUNSET OF SUSTAINABLE  
11 GROWTH RATE.—Section 1848(f)(1)(B) of the Social Se-  
12 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4(f)(1)(B)) is amended by  
13 inserting “(ending with 2008)” after “each succeeding  
14 year”.



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