

Congress “Kicks The Can”: Refuses To Provide Stability Through Long-term Fix

Year	Statutory Annual Update (%)	Congressional “Fix” to the Update (%)*
2002	-5.4	-5.4
2003	-4.4	+1.6
2004	-4.5	+1.5
2005	-3.3	+1.5
2006	-4.4	0
2007	-5.0	+1.5
2008	-10.1	0.5 (Jan-June)

* The annual update that *actually went into effect* for that year.

** In 2002, CMS made other adjustments, as provided by law, which resulted in a net update of - 4.8%; however, Congress did not act to override the -5.4% statutory update.

*** In 2007, the full 1.5% increase was provided to physicians reporting quality of care measures; physicians not reporting quality of care received no net increase.