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Bah Humbug – Congress May Be This Year’s Grinch

AAO-HNS Urges U.S. Senators to Return to Capitol Hill to Get the Job Done

Alexandria, Va. – In light of today’s vote in the U.S. House of Representatives rejecting the U.S. Senate’s two-month “extenders package,” the American Academy of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery (AAO-HNS), representing nearly 12,000 of America’s ear, nose, throat, head and neck (ENT) surgeons, urges Senate leaders to appoint conferees to resolve differences relating to H.R. 3630, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2011. To preserve patient access to healthcare and provide stability for America’s physician practices, immediate Congressional action is necessary to prevent a devastating 27.4 percent cut to Medicare physician payments scheduled for January 1, 2012. Congress’ scheduled holiday break and year-end legislative politicking must not endanger the delivery of Medicare services to our nation’s seniors.

For more information about AAO-HNS federal legislative priorities, please contact legfederal@entnet.org.

About the AAO-HNS

The American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery (www.entnet.org), one of the oldest medical associations in the nation, represents nearly 12,000 physicians and allied health professionals who specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the ears, nose, throat, and related structures of the head and neck. The Academy serves its members by facilitating the advancement of the science and art of medicine related to otolaryngology and by representing the specialty in governmental and socioeconomic issues. The organization’s vision: “Empowering otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeons to deliver the best patient care.”

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