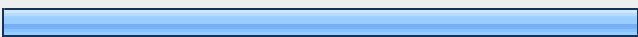


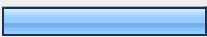

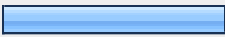





3. What is your current Medicare participation status?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Participating Physician		96.2%	1,558
Non-Participating Physician		2.8%	46
Opted-out for 2 years and privately contract with Medicare patients		0.9%	15
<i>answered question</i>			1,619
<i>skipped question</i>			82

4. If the Medicare physician payment cut of 23.5% goes into effect and/or future Medicare reimbursement to physicians is significantly cut, what changes to your Medicare participation status do you plan?

		Response Percent	Response Count
I will remain a Medicare participating physician.		30.4%	480
I will remain a Medicare non-participating physician.		3.0%	47
I will change my status to non-participating.		33.2%	525
I will opt out of Medicare for 2 years and privately contract with Medicare patients.		33.4%	528
<i>answered question</i>			1,580
<i>skipped question</i>			121

5. If you plan to remain a Medicare participating physician and the 23.5% Medicare payment goes into effect and/or future Medicare reimbursement to physicians is significantly cut, do you plan to make any changes to your practice (e.g., limit the number of Medicare patients you treat, reduce staff, refer complex cases) in the next 12 months?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		78.7%	376
No		21.3%	102
		<i>answered question</i>	478
		<i>skipped question</i>	1,223

6. What changes do you plan to make to your practice in the next 12 months? (Select all that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Stop providing any patient care	0.8%	3
Retire	4.3%	16
Close/sell practice	4.8%	18
Significantly reduce workload/hours	12.1%	45
Begin working locum tenens	1.6%	6
Relocate	4.3%	16
Limit the number of Medicare patient appointments	68.3%	254
Reduce time spent with Medicare patients	46.8%	174
Stop providing certain services	45.7%	170
Shift services from office to hospital	28.2%	105
Begin referring complex cases	41.4%	154
Defer purchase of information technology	26.9%	100
Reduce staff	48.1%	179
Defer purchase of new medical equipment	46.8%	174
Close satellite offices	11.8%	44
Discontinue rural outreach services	12.6%	47
Discontinue nursing home visits	5.1%	19
Other (please specify)		24
answered question		372
skipped question		1,329