

WHAT IS IPAB?

The Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB) was created in 2010 as a part of the Affordable Care Act and is charged with proposing cuts to Medicare if spending exceeds a certain growth target. The Board consists of 15 members nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate. If a Board is not appointed, the Secretary of Health and Human Services takes over these powers. To date, a Board has not been appointed or confirmed.

Why should IPAB be repealed?

- **Limited Checks and Balances:** IPAB has the authority to make widespread changes to Medicare without congressional approval.
- **Negative Impact on Patients:** IPAB could negatively impact patient access to important medications and treatments by disproportionately targeting new treatments to cut spending.
- **Wrong Approach:** IPAB is likely to institute blunt short-term payment cuts in Medicare, which do nothing to improve health quality or value.
- **Broad, Bipartisan Opposition:** More than 700 organizations from across the health care system have voiced concerns, and Republican and Democratic members of Congress, as well as the President, support repeal.

Learn more at PhRMA.org/IPAB.

