

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address April 22, 2016
“1 Year of SGR Repeal”

Hello this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess.

This week marked the one-year anniversary of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act becoming law. This bill permanently repealed the flawed Sustainable Growth Rate formula that was hurting doctors serving Medicare patients.

The repeal of the Sustainable Growth Rate is an example of health care policy how it should be done. When doctors are involved in the designation of value and quality, the results are better all around.

The permanent repeal of the Sustainable Growth Rate is a policy that was actually built, input was sought from doctors and patients.

The Energy & Commerce Committee used an open and transparent model that recognized that you cannot successfully approach health care policy by ignoring critical parties.

The bill was driven with patients and doctors in mind. It sought to put power back in the hands of those who actually provide the care and consume the care, and not the federal agencies

Congress was able to accomplish the greatest Medicare entitlement reform in nearly two decades—ensuring that doctors will give shape to the health care payment reforms of the future.

And we keep the oversight front and center in our committee during the implementation.

This is how health reform should happen—open and transparent. Not behind closed doors as was the case in the construction of the Affordable Care Act.

As always, I appreciate your comments, your questions on this issue or any other issue.

May God bless you and your family, and as the song says, God bless you Texas.