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The National Association of EMS Physicians® (NAEMSP®) is pleased with a number of the health provisions contained in the House's short-term spending bill. Most significantly, we applaud inclusion of the five-year extension of the ambulance add-on payments. However, we have concerns with one of the offsets for the health provisions included in the legislation that would extend Medicare's misvalued code policy through 2019. Medicare's misvalued code policy is largely to blame for reductions to the Medicare conversion factor in 2016-2018. The continued use of this policy has already eliminated much of the minimal statutory updates Congress enacted as part of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) in 2015. Extending this policy will generate additional arbitrary cuts to Medicare payments. NAEMSP® encourages Congress not to cut Medicare payments to physicians.