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As you are aware we have a new administration and a new congress and health care reform is a priority of both. On July 15, 2008 the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) was enacted making changes to the Medicare program. There has been a lot of confusion over MIPPA and how it relates to the goals we have for the “CARE” legislation (which stands for Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility, and Excellence in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy (CARE) Act of 2009”). Questions have been raised do we still need to pursue the CARE legislation. This session will review the relationship between MIPPA, proposed CARE legislation and the overall AAPM and ACMP efforts to ensure that medical physics is performed by Qualified Medical Physicists.

Learning Objectives:

1. To review the provisions of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA).
2. To discuss the between MIPPA and the proposed “Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility, and Excellence in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy (CARE) Act of 2009.”
3. To review the overall AAPM and ACMP efforts to ensure that medical physics is performed by Qualified Medical Physicists.