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MedPAC Imaging Plan Meets With Skepticism

The **Medicare Payment Advisory Commission** ran into stiff opposition from doctors for its plan to set national standards for physicians who interpret diagnostic imaging studies. At a March 17 hearing of the **House Ways and Means Health Subcommittee**, cardiologist **Kim Allen Williams** argued that restricting imaging "runs counter to" moves to improve quality of patient care. And subcommittee Chair **Nancy Johnson** (R-CT) expressed reluctance to add more requirements to the already "structure-heavy" Medicare program.