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NEWS BRIEFS: Therapists Dodge Caps, Fee Schedule Cuts a Little Longer

Feeling Medicare therapy cap and fee schedule woes? The Temporary Extension Act of 2010 (HR 4691) just bought you a little more time.

On March 3, President Obama signed this bill into law, which puts the 21.9 percent 2010 [Medicare fee schedule](#) pay cut on hold and reinstates the therapy cap exceptions process until March 31, 2010.

Lawmakers created the one-month extension legislation so Congress would have time to work on "a larger jobs bill, which could contain a longer-term extension to the therapy caps exception process and prevention of Medicare physician fee payments cuts," according to the American Physical Therapy Association's weekly news bulletin, News Now.

Don't miss: Because therapy caps have been in effect since Jan. 1 with no exceptions process, you may now bill your 2010 claims retroactively to Jan. 1 with exceptions.