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CONGRESSWOMAN DONNA EDWARDS VOTES TO OVERRIDE PRESIDENT'S VETO OF MEDICARE IMPROVEMENTS

*Edwards Votes Again to Protect Medicare Programs and to Prevent Payment Cuts for
Medicare Physicians*

Washington, DC – Today, Congresswoman Donna Edwards (D-MD) voted to protect seniors and those living with disabilities by voting for a successful override of President Bush's veto on H.R. 6331, the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008. By overriding the Presidential veto with a vote of 383-41, Rep. Edwards and her Congressional colleagues helped prevent a 10.6 percent pay-cut to doctors and made certain that millions of people will continue to receive the same level of treatment from their doctors. The bill will also enhance Medicare preventative and mental health benefits while increasing the amount of assets that low-income beneficiaries can have and still qualify for Medicare aid.

“Today's vote was a bold move by this New Direction Congress in support of Medicare patients and their doctors,” said Rep. Edwards. “It was a vote to ensure that the most vulnerable among us can continue to receive the level of healthcare treatment they have come to know and trust. Today's override is a pivotal step in the right direction, but it is only the beginning. We still have a challenge as a Congress and a country to provide accessible, affordable, quality healthcare for all Americans.”

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