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I have been in contact with FCSO and received the following update on the previously published “holding of fees” issue. In summary, FCSO has lifted the hold. The following message from them should be self-explanatory.

Additional information on FCSO's holding of claims for 2010 service dates

Recently, President Obama signed the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 2010. This Act provides a two-month zero percent (0 percent) update to the 2010 Medicare physician fee schedule (MPFS) effective only for dates of service January 1, 2010, through February 28, 2010. First Coast Service Options Inc (FCSO) has received the new 2010 MPFS files. Therefore, FCSO will not be holding claims beyond the mandated payment floor timeframes (14 days for electronic claims and 29 days for paper claims). This means FCSO will likely be able to release payments earlier than stated in the [previous article](#).

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