

Medical device tax: Are "lame duck" lobbying efforts in vain?

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Medical device industry players have focused their latest repeal efforts on pushing Congress during the "lame duck" session after the election, but some are skeptical that the tax will be addressed before it hits next year.



Medical device industry stakeholders have spent much time and money lobbying to repeal the 2.3% medical device tax before it takes effect in January, but voices from Capitol Hill are starting to temper that enthusiasm.

Rep. Bill Owens (D-N.Y.), who was one of a dozen Democrats to sign on to a House bill to repeal the medtech levy earlier this year, told reporters last week that medical device makers may have better luck repealing the tax in 2013.

That may dash the hopes of medtech lobbying groups the Medical Device Manufacturers Assn., the Medical Imaging & Technology Alliance, and the Advanced Medical Technology Assn., which have been working to repeal the tax before it hits device makers in January.

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