

# CHA and AHA Advocacy Days

Hospitals' ability to maintain access to care is threatened by repeated ratcheting of Medicare and Medicaid payments for hospital services. Hospitals have already been subjected to more than \$95 billion in reductions since 2010 and cannot sustain any additional cuts. We need to drive home the point that further cuts will only increase hospitals' challenges and could, in turn, limit patients' access to care.

## Your Voice is Needed as Congress Negotiates a Long-term Budget Deal

We also need your voice in Washington to garner support for several critical issues, including:

- ***The DSH Reduction Relief Act***, which would eliminate the first two years of planned cuts to Medicare and Medicaid disproportionate share hospital DSH payments to allow for coverage expansions to be more fully realized.
- ***The Medicare Audit Improvement Act***, which would rein in overly aggressive Medicare auditors.
- ***The Protecting Access to Rural Therapy Services Act***, which would protect access to outpatient therapeutic services by adopting a default standard of general supervision rather than direct supervision for these services.
- ***Relief from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' "two-midnight" admission policy***, which creates new challenges for hospitals.
- ***Support for rural health care by extending crucial policies***, including the Medicare-dependent Hospital Program, the low-volume adjustment and ambulance add-on payments.

## Plan now to attend an Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C.

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**Tuesday, December 3**  
The Newseum  
555 Pennsylvania Ave, NW  
Washington, DC

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### Schedule

**9:00 a.m. – Continental Breakfast**  
**9:30 a.m. – Briefing on Key Issues**  
***Hill Visits to follow***

Please register with CHA to ensure we have all the information needed to coordinate Hill visits. To register, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/dec3advocacyday>. If you have any questions, please contact Megan Howard at [mhoward@calhospital.org](mailto:mhoward@calhospital.org), or 202-488-3740.

#### Hotel Information

Hotel rooms are available at the Hyatt Regency Washington for the night of Dec. 2 at a rate of \$219. Call 888-421-1442 and mention the American Hospital Association Advocacy Day.