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TO: CHA Members
FROM: Carmela Coyle, President & CEO
SUBJECT: Weekly Advocacy Review

Member Advocacy Call

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FEDERAL

Federal Update (O'Rourke)

The House Energy & Commerce Committee marked up numerous health-related bills, including legislation addressing surprise medical bills.

H.R. 2328 was amended to include the text of the No Surprises Act. Rep. Ruiz (CA-36) offered an amendment adding an arbitration process to allow hospitals and physicians to enter into independent dispute resolution for payments over \$1,250. Rep. Matsui (CA-6) offered an amendment to allow the Secretary to consider the variation in provider costs.

The bill — which was approved by voice vote — would also eliminate Medicaid disproportionate share hospital cuts for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

For additional information, contact Anne O'Rourke at (202) 488-4494 or aorourke@calhospital.org.

STATE

Legislative Update (Scott)

The Legislature adjourned for summer recess on July 12, after meeting its deadline for passing measures out of policy committees. Lawmakers will reconvene August 12 and will complete their work for the 2019 legislative session on September 13.

Information on additional priority health care-related bills is available at www.calhospital.org/legislative-update.