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

Member Advocacy Call
September 3, 8:30 a.m.
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FEDERAL

Federal Update (O'Rourke)

Congress is in recess until September 9. CHA members are urged to respond to the federal [Advocacy Alert](#) issued July 31 regarding surprise medical bills.

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

Regulatory Update (Keefe)

CHA will host a member forum on September 5 at 10 a.m. (PT) to solicit member feedback on the [specialty care models proposed rule](#), recently issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). While CMS proposes to establish two new mandatory payment models, the forum will focus on the Radiation Oncology Model. Please [register online](#) by September 4 at noon (PT).

CHA will also host a member forum on September 11 at 1 p.m. (PT) on the calendar year 2020 outpatient prospective payment system [proposed rule](#). Please [register online](#) by September 10 at noon (PT).

For additional information, contact Alyssa Keefe at (202) 488-4688 or akeefe@calhospital.org.

STATE

Legislative Update (Scott)

This week's activity focused in the fiscal committees of both houses, where many of CHA's high-priority bills are currently. Both appropriations committees were required to hear legislation by today. We will provide an update on Tuesday of the latest actions on key legislation. Next week, both houses will begin to meet in daily floor sessions to complete work on remaining legislation by the September 13 adjournment date.

Key bill for this week:

CHA-opposed **Senate Bill (SB) 227** (Leyva, D-Chino) would create punitive fines for hospitals that don't meet nurse staffing ratios. CHA was able to secure an amendment to provide a structure for the department to consider certain factors when a hospital is found out of compliance. CHA remains opposed as we evaluate the political pressures surrounding this legislation. SB 227 will be voted on by the full Assembly.

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