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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)**

Yesterday, the U.S. Senate passed a continuing resolution to provide funding for the federal government for the first few weeks of federal fiscal year 2020, which begins Oct. 1. Of particular note for California's safety-net hospitals, the measure includes a provision to delay the Medicaid disproportionate share hospital (DSH) cuts slated to take effect on Oct. 1. The delay is in place until Nov. 21. CHA will continue to work with members of the California delegation to delay the DSH cuts for as long as possible. For additional information, contact Anne O'Rourke at (202) 488-4494 or [aorourke@calhospital.org](mailto:aorourke@calhospital.org).

### **Regulatory Update (Keefe)**

CHA submitted [comments](#) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on the calendar year 2020 outpatient prospective payment system proposed rule and issued a [detailed summary](#) of the federal fiscal year 2020 inpatient prospective payment system final rule.

CHA is currently analyzing several final rules that were recently released by CMS.

The omnibus [burden reduction](#) final rule finalizes the provisions of three proposed rules: the Regulatory Provisions to Promote Program Efficiency, Transparency and Burden Reduction proposed rule; Hospital and Critical Access Hospital Changes to Promote Innovation, Flexibility, and Improvement in Patient Care proposed rule; and the Fire Safety Requirements for Certain Dialysis Facilities proposed rule. CMS also issued a final rule on [discharge planning](#) and a final rule implementing [reductions to Medicaid disproportionate share hospital allotments](#), as required by the Affordable Care Act, beginning in federal fiscal year (FFY) 2020 through FFY 2025.

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

**STATE**

**Legislative Update (Scott)**

CHA continues to focus its advocacy efforts on the governor's office, as hundreds of bills await final action. The governor has until midnight on October 13 to sign, veto, or allow bills to become law without his signature. Actions will be listed [on CHA's website](#) as they become available.