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

Member Advocacy Call

October 15, 8:30 a.m.

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## **FEDERAL**

### **Federal Update (O'Rourke)**

Congress is in recess this week.

For additional information, contact Anne O'Rourke at (202) 488-4494 or [aurourke@calhospital.org](mailto:aurourke@calhospital.org).

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

The Department of Health and Human Services issued two proposed rules on potential changes to the [physician self-referral law](#) — also known as the Stark Law — and the [anti-kickback statute](#). CHA is currently analyzing the proposed rules and will provide members with more detailed information. Comments are due by 2 p.m. (PT) on December 31.

CHA issued a [detailed summary](#) of the final rule addressing discharge planning requirements for hospitals, critical access hospitals, and post-acute care settings.

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

## **STATE**

### **Legislative Update (Scott)**

October 13 is the deadline for the governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature for the first year of the two-year session. CHA will provide an update of the governor's actions on Tuesday's advocacy call.

CHA thanks our members and the Regional Associations for their support and assistance in accomplishing this year's legislative goals. Member responses to CHA *Advocacy Alerts*, as well as grassroots efforts throughout the year, were instrumental in informing lawmakers about hospitals' issues, concerns, and legislative priorities.

CHA is preparing its annual *Report on Legislation*, which will include a summary of bills that were signed into law that CHA tracked throughout the year impacting hospitals. Legislative updates are also available [on CHA's website](#).