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

No Member Advocacy Call
Tuesday, October 29

FEDERAL

Federal Update (O'Rourke)

The three committees of jurisdiction in the House of Representatives marked up, and reported favorably on, H.R. 3, the Speaker's prescription drug legislation. The bill is expected to move to the House floor in November.

CHA continues to press members of the California delegation to support the elimination of the scheduled Medicaid disproportionate share hospital cuts. Though they were originally scheduled to take effect on October 1, a short-term spending measure delayed their implementation until November 21. California Reps. Harder and Cook will lead a delegation letter to Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy, emphasizing the importance of these funds for California's safety-net providers. Next week, CHA will issue an *Advocacy Alert* in support of their effort.

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

STATE

Legislative Update (Scott)

The Legislature remains in recess. Legislators are expected to return January 6 for the final year of the 2019-20 legislative session.

CHA has published its [2019 Report on Legislation](#), summarizing important state health care legislation enacted during the first year of the 2019-20 legislative session. Developed to help hospitals understand the implications of the year's significant bills, the report also serves as a reference tool for the broad range of legislative activity that occurred this session.

Statutory changes become effective Jan. 1, 2020, unless otherwise noted. Each measure is categorized by subject and indicates which hospital team members should take necessary steps to come into compliance (see legend at bottom of each page). In addition, the laws are indexed by author, bill number, and staff role.