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

Member Advocacy Call  
December 17, 8:30 a.m.  
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## **FEDERAL**

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

Congress continues working toward its year-end deadline of December 20 to fund the federal government to avoid a government shutdown before the holidays. The House of Representatives passed H.R. 3, the Speaker's prescription drug plan, and discussions continue between the House and Senate about surprise medical billing. Yesterday, CHA and the California Medical Association issued a [joint statement](#) on the issue.

We will provide an update on progress of the funding negotiations, eliminating Medicaid disproportionate share hospital cuts, and surprise billing proposals.

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

## **STATE**

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

The Legislature returns January 6 for the final year of the 2019-20 legislative session. We anticipate a quick start with the January 31 deadline for last year's bills to move out of the first house. Notable among them is Assembly Bill (AB) 890. In addition, the Governor's proposed 2020-21 budget will be released by January 10.

**AB 890 (Wood, D-Santa Rosa) – Support**

AB 890 would authorize a nurse practitioner who meets specified requirements to practice without the supervision of a physician in certain environments. The bill would ensure millions of Californians are able to access health care services by allowing nurse practitioners to practice to the full extent of their education and training.

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