



# AHA VIRTUAL ADVOCACY DAY

SUPPORT HOSPITALS • TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023



Advancing Health in America

9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

The Ronald Reagan Building, Rotunda — 8th Floor  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.  
Washington, DC 20004

## Your Voice is Needed in Washington

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Please join us June 6 in Washington, D.C., for an AHA Advocacy Day to talk with your legislators directly about the challenges facing your hospital or health system and the effects they are having on access to care for your patients and community. Congress is considering legislation on a number of issues that would have negative effects on hospitals and their communities, including site-neutral payments, the 340B program and physician-owned hospitals. We also will push legislation to delay Medicaid disproportionate share hospitals cuts and protect health care workers from violence, among other issues. **Your voice is needed now.**

We will be discussing key advocacy priorities, including:

#### Site-neutral Payments

- Congress should reject site-neutral payment cuts that could force hundreds of outpatient clinics to close or cut back on critical services, resulting in reduced patient access and job losses, especially in rural and other underserved communities. Hospital outpatient departments, which are an important part of the health care system, should not be paid the same Medicare rate as a stand-alone physician office. HOPDs treat sicker and more complex patients, and they also must comply with more licensing and regulatory requirements.

#### 340B Drug Pricing Program

- The 340B program is crucial to helping hospitals stretch limited federal resources and expand health services to patients and communities. Congress should reject efforts that create significant new reporting requirements for 340B hospitals. In addition, any measures that increase transparency for 340B providers also should include greater transparency for drug companies.

#### Physician-owned Hospitals

- Congress should oppose changes that would either expand the number of physician-owned hospitals or ease restrictions on the growth of existing facilities. Studies show that physician-owned hospitals cherry pick patients who are less medically complex and more financially lucrative, and provide limited or no emergency services.

#### Medicaid DSH Cuts

- Congress should enact legislation (H.R. 2665) that would delay for two years cuts to Medicaid DSH hospitals scheduled to begin October 1. Hospitals care for a significant number of low-income, uninsured and Medicaid patients, and the Medicaid DSH program is critical to maintaining access to essential services for these individuals.

#### Protecting Health Care Workers from Violence

- Congress should enact the Safety from Violence for Healthcare Employees Act (H.R. 2584), legislation that would give health care workers the same legal protections against assault and intimidation that flight crews and airport workers have under federal law. The bill also would establish a federal grant program to augment hospitals' efforts to reduce violence.

### Schedule

#### Monday, June 5

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Please join us for a networking reception

Location TBD

#### Tuesday, June 6

9:30 a.m.

Breakfast

10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

Advocacy Day Program

*Box lunches will be available following the program*

Hill visits to follow. *(Please reach out to **Monica Day** at [mday@aha.org](mailto:mday@aha.org) or your state hospital association for contact information as you schedule your hill visit.)*

#### Questions?

For questions on Advocacy Day, please contact **Monica Day** at [mday@aha.org](mailto:mday@aha.org).

**This is an AHA members-only event.**