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Urge Congress to Provide Support to Hospitals Affected by Change Healthcare Cyberattack

Use AHA resources to assist you in your advocacy with lawmakers

As the entire health care system continues to be affected by the ongoing cyberattack on Change Healthcare, we need Congress to act and support hospitals and other providers to help minimize further fallout from this attack. The AHA today sent a [letter to congressional leaders](#) that, among other requests, urged lawmakers to press the Department of Health and Human Services “for bold, swift action to prevent further fallout and to ensure a complete and fulsome response from UnitedHealth Group,” which owns Change Healthcare. We also sent today a [letter to UnitedHealth Group](#) expressing concerns with the Temporary Funding Assistance Program that the company announced on March 1.

TAKE ACTION

Please reach out to your representatives and senators today to:

- Explain the impact that the Change Healthcare cyberattack is currently having on your organization’s operations and ability to care for patients, as well as how the disruption could affect services for an extended period.
- Advocate for additional support and resources to hospitals and providers so that they can continue fulfilling their mission of caring for patients and communities.

AHA RESOURCES TO SUPPORT YOUR ADVOCACY EFFORTS

The following [AHA resources](#) are available to support your advocacy efforts with your congressional lawmakers.

- March 4 AHA letter to Congress.
- Feb. 26 letter to leaders at the Department of Health and Human Services.
- March 4 letter to UnitedHealth Group on its recently announced Temporary Funding Assistance Program.
- AHA’s complete suite of resources related to the Change Healthcare cyberattack.

BACKGROUND

On Feb. 21, Change Healthcare was the victim of the most significant cyberattack on

the U.S. health care system in American history. Change Healthcare is the predominant source of more than 100 critical functions that keep the health care system operating. Among them, Change Healthcare manages the clinical criteria used to authorize a substantial portion of patient care and coverage, processes billions of claims, supports clinical information exchange and processes drug prescriptions.

FURTHER QUESTIONS

If you have further questions, please contact AHA at 800-424-4301.