



America needs teaching hospitals now more than ever.

The nation's 1,100 teaching hospitals are where medical breakthroughs break through and where Americans receive world-class care, from highly specialized surgeries, to complex cancer and cardiac treatments, to life-saving burn and trauma care. Teaching hospitals also train nearly 100,000 doctors every year, serve the millions of Americans without health insurance, and provide comprehensive community health services. Now, as a vital part of homeland security, teaching hospitals must spend millions on disaster readiness and training.

But teaching hospitals can no longer do more and more with less. Unless Congress acts, the \$4.2 billion, five-year federal budget cut that took effect last October will cost the average major teaching hospital \$2 million this year alone and threaten important patient care services.

Prescription drug coverage for seniors is critical. At the same time, funding for the hospitals that help discover and test these new, life-saving medicines must be restored.

**Senators: Please Support the Hutchison-Kennedy
Amendment to Restore IME Funding.**