



American Hospital
Association

ADVOCACY UPDATE

Action Alert!

Wednesday, April 23, 2008

NEED ACTION FROM *Hospital leaders*
ACTION *Urge House to vote on Medicaid today*
WHEN *Immediately*
HOW *Call or e-mail your representative*
WHY *Vote on H.R. 5613 being threatened*

Effort being made to derail House Medicaid vote – urge your representative to vote in favor today

The House is scheduled to vote today on the Protecting the Medicaid Safety Net Act of 2008 (H.R. 5613), but there is a serious effort to derail that vote.

***Please call or e-mail your representative immediately
and urge them to vote “yes.”***

The AHA-backed bill would extend until March 31, 2009, moratoria on several Medicaid regulations that would strip an estimated \$20 billion over five years from the program. The bill extends the current moratorium on CMS rules regarding certified public expenditures, intergovernmental transfers and graduate medical education. It also would delay regulations affecting coverage of hospital outpatient services; state provider tax laws; coverage of rehab services for people with disabilities; outreach and enrollment in schools and specialized medical transportation to school for children covered by Medicaid; and case management services that allow people with disabilities to remain in the community.

***Please urge your representative to vote ... today
... for H.R. 5613!***

***(Call 1-877-242-2240 or e-mail AHAadvocacy@aha.org
to let us know how your Hill contacts go ... thanks!)***