



American Hospital  
Association

# SAVE THE DATE!

## Wednesday, December 7, 2005 Federal Budget Advocacy Day

The Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC  
*(Meeting and hotel arrangements to be announced)*

- 9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.: Radio News Release Taping and Breakfast
- 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.: Federal Update and Briefing

### Capitol Hill Visits to Follow

*Contact your senators and representative to schedule an appointment for Wednesday, December 7 after 11 AM ... remember to coordinate this effort with your state hospital association.*

*To RSVP and receive more information, contact [khudson@aha.org](mailto:khudson@aha.org).  
Details will be coming soon.*

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Activities will begin soon after the House passes its Fiscal Year 2006 budget bill to merge it with the Senate's version. Our message to lawmakers:

- Make no direct hospital cuts in Medicare;
- Ensure that Medicaid reductions do not adversely impact hospitals or beneficiaries;
- Preserve a delay in further implementation of the "75% Rule" for rehabilitation hospitals; and
- Retain the ban on self-referral to physician-owned limited-service hospitals; and more.

As the House and Senate meet in early December to iron out differences in their bills, it's critical that patients and the hospitals that provide care are protected.

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*(Please note the congressional schedule is extremely fluid, and there is a strong possibility the Senate may be in recess on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Even if the Senate is not in session, it is still critical to meet with your representatives in the House!)*