

Dear Inpatient Rehabilitation Member:

We're pleased to provide you with the American Hospital Association's (AHA) Rehabilitation Action Kit. This kit will provide you with several tools to help send a clear message to Congress about the importance of inpatient rehabilitation and the need to prevent further implementation of the "75% Rule" by passing S. 543 and H. R. 1459. **We encourage you to share this kit with your communications and public relations staff as you discuss ways to help Members of Congress understand that access to vital health care is at stake.**

Your Action Kit contains the following components:

- ✓ **Site Visit Tips**—A visit to your facility by a Member of Congress or other elected officials is a great way to show the unmatched care inpatient rehabilitation hospitals and units provide to very frail, sick patients. We've included tips to consider when setting up a site visit with your Member.
- ✓ **Rehab Message Card**—Contains your advocacy messages to use in your facility's materials and when meeting with elected officials.
- ✓ **Sample 75% Rule Patient Denial Letters**—Included are two sample letters originally created by member Kathleen Yosko, president and CEO, Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital, Wheaton, Ill. These letters can be used to alert your Member of Congress when you are forced to turn a patient away due to the 75% Rule.
- ✓ **Sample Letter to the Editor**—The included sample letter to the editor can be used as a model in creating your own letter to submit to your local newspapers.
- ✓ **Sample Op-Ed**—The sample op-ed can also be tailored to send to local print media. It helps tell the story of the unique care provided by inpatient rehabilitation facilities and calls for support for legislation that protects access to rehabilitative care and ensures that appropriate medical standards are being used when determining the best setting for patients in need of this care.



**No one can make the case for protecting access to inpatient rehabilitative care better than you, the person who sees firsthand how this care helps patients heal and get back to their homes and lives.** For more information on how to use this media kit or make your voice heard, please contact David Allen, associate director for media relations, at (202) 626-2313 or [dallen@aha.org](mailto:dallen@aha.org).