Legislative Action Alert!
Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012

NEED ACTION FROM .......... Medicare-dependent and low-volume hospitals
ACTIONS .......................... Urge your senators to cosign letter to Senate
Finance Committee supporting provisions of
the Rural Hospital Access Act (S. 2620)
WHEN ................................. Immediately
WHY ................................. Letter recommends including Medicare-
dependent and low-volume hospital provisions
in upcoming physician payment legislation
HOW ................................. Call or e-mail your senators

ASK YOUR SENATORS TO SUPPORT ADDING PROVISIONS OF
THE RURAL HOSPITAL ACCESS ACT TO UPCOMING PHYSICIAN
PAYMENT LEGISLATION

Provisions would reauthorize expired programs for
MDHs and low-volume hospitals

Earlier this year, Sens. Charles Schumer (D-NY) and Charles Grassley (R-IA) introduced the
Rural Hospital Access Act of 2012 (S. 2620), which would reauthorize both the Medicare-
dependent hospital (MDH) program and provide an extension of the enhanced low-volume
Medicare adjustment for prospective payment system (PPS) hospitals for one year through
Sept. 30, 2013. (The MDH program and low-volume hospital payment adjustment expired
Sept. 30). Eyeing an opportunity to get these critical programs reauthorized before Congress
adjourns for the year, Sens. Schumer and Grassley are asking the Senate Finance Committee
to work to include S. 2620 in the expected upcoming Medicare physician payment fix
legislation.

We need your help in getting cosigners to the Schumer/Grassley letter to Finance
Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-MT) and Ranking Member Orrin Hatch (R-UT) and
showing support for these important rural programs. Contact your senators and ask
them to cosign the Schumer/Grassley letter.