

Will Congress Jeopardize Patients' Access to Care?



America's hospitals are always open, serving our communities 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

But even as hospitals face new challenges to provide high-quality care to everyone who needs it, Congress is debating additional cuts to hospital funding which would cost jobs and hurt access to care.

In 2010, half of emergency rooms operated at or over capacity, and hospitals are expected to need an additional 900,000 staff by 2020 to continue providing high-quality care.

Because hospitals care for everyone who comes to the ER, we provide billions in uncompensated care, including \$39.3 billion in 2010. During the last decade, uncompensated care rose 82%.

Now Congress could further cut hospital funding to reduce the deficit. These cuts will have serious implications for our patients, and could jeopardize access to quality health care.

America's hospitals are here for our communities. As it works to reduce the deficit, Congress should not cut funding to hospitals and hurt patient care.

Oppose Hospital Cuts. Protect Patient Care.



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