



Advocacy Days



**New Year,
New Congress,
Same Fiscal Dilemmas**

While the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 pulled the nation back from the edge of the so-called “fiscal cliff,” it only did so temporarily. In the coming months, the 113th Congress faces three looming fiscal deadlines that could critically affect America’s hospitals: The automatic “sequester” cuts from the 2011 Budget Control Act kick in March 1, the continuing resolution that funds the government for FY 2013 expires on March 27, and the country will face the need to raise the national debt limit in May.

**Your Voice is Needed
in Washington
to Bring Clarity**

We need to ensure Congress does not impose arbitrary payment cuts to hospitals, but instead offers real solutions to our nation’s problems. We need your voice in Washington. Legislators are drowning in facts; only you can bring understanding about the impact cuts would have on health care delivery. You can make a difference on Capitol Hill by adding your voice to those of your colleagues. Plan to attend an upcoming AHA Advocacy Day. You’ll have the opportunity to meet with your legislators and talk to them directly about the challenges facing your patients and your community.

**Registration
Now Open**

Wednesday, February 13

L’Enfant Plaza Hotel
480 L’Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, DC 20024

Tuesday, February 26

The Liaison Hotel
415 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Schedule

9:00 a.m. – Continental Breakfast

9:30 a.m. – Briefing on Key Issues

Hill Visits to follow (Please coordinate your Hill appointments with your state hospital association.)

Please click **here to RSVP** or go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K2QGCCM>.

If you have questions, contact Michael McCue at mmccue@aha.org or 312-422-3319, or Debra Thomas at dthomas@aha.org or 312-422-3327.

Hotel Information

Rooms available for the night of Feb. 12 prior to the Feb. 13 Advocacy Day at the L’Enfant Plaza Hotel, Washington, DC for \$189 (800-635-5065).

Mention Group Code AHA213 AHA Advocacy Day.

Rooms available for the night of Feb. 25 prior to the Feb. 26 Advocacy Day at the Liaison Hotel, Washington, DC for \$319 (866-233-4642). Mention AHA Advocacy Day.

Make it personal – plan to be in Washington.