

# Hospital-related Bills before the 113th Congress

AHA-Supported Bill	What It Would Do	Resources
<b>The Medicare Audit Improvement Act</b>	Introduced by Reps. Sam Graves (R-MO) and Adam Schiff (D-CA) and by Sens. Mark Pryor (D-AR) and Roy Blunt (R-MO), respectively, this bill would establish a consolidated limit for medical record requests, impose financial penalties on RACs that fail to comply with program requirements, make RAC performance evaluations publicly available and allow denied inpatient claims to be billed as outpatient claims when appropriate.	Bill Language: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">H.R. 1250</a></li><li>• <a href="#">S. 1012</a></li></ul> <a href="#">AHA Letter of Support</a> <a href="#">AHA Action Alert</a> <a href="#">AHA Factsheet</a>
<b>The DSH Reduction Relief Act</b>	Introduced by Rep. John Lewis (D-GA), this bill would eliminate the first two years of the ACA's cuts to the Medicare and Medicaid DSH programs to allow expansion of health coverage to become more fully realized.	Bill Language: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">H.R. 1920</a></li></ul> <a href="#">AHA Letter of Support</a> <a href="#">AHA Action Alert</a> <a href="#">AHA Factsheet</a>
<b>The Fairness in Health Care Claims, Guidance and Investigations Act</b>	Introduced by Reps. Howard Coble (R-NC) and David Scott (D-GA), this bill would amend the False Claims Act by: requiring that federal agencies review their own rules and regulations to determine whether a billing dispute should be pursued as fraud before launching an investigation, and assuring that unintentional billing disputes aren't penalized as harshly as fraud.	Bill Language: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">H.R. 2931</a></li></ul> <a href="#">AHA Letter of Support</a> <a href="#">AHA Factsheet</a>
<b>The Rural Hospital Access Act</b>	Introduced by Sens. Charles Schumer (D-NY) and Charles Grassley (R-IA) and by Reps. Tom Reed (R-NY) and Peter Welch (D-VT), respectively, this bill would provide for an extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital program and the increased payments under the Medicare low-volume hospital program.	Bill Language: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">S. 842</a></li><li>• <a href="#">H.R. 1787</a></li></ul> <a href="#">AHA Letter of Support</a> <a href="#">AHA Action Alert</a> <a href="#">AHA Factsheet</a>
<b>The Protecting Access to Rural Therapy Services Act</b>	Introduced by Sen. Jerry Moran (R-KS) and by Reps. Kristi Noem (R-SD) and Collin Peterson (D-MN), respectively, this bill would protect access to outpatient therapeutic services by adopting a default standard of "general supervision" (rather than "direct supervision") for outpatient therapeutic services; creating a provider advisory panel to identify those outpatient services complex enough to require direct supervision; and holding hospitals and CAHs harmless from civil or criminal action regarding CMS' retroactive reinterpretation.	Bill Language: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">S. 1143</a></li><li>• <a href="#">H.R. 2801</a></li></ul> <a href="#">AHA Letter of Support</a> <a href="#">AHA Action Alert</a> <a href="#">AHA Factsheet</a>