



Advocacy Days



Protect Access to Care

This summer, Congress will need to raise the federal debt limit. Given the current economic pressures, the fact that both Medicare and Medicaid pay less than the cost of providing services, and that hospital payments already have been cut by more than \$250 billion since 2010, Congress must proceed cautiously as lawmakers tackle fiscal flashpoints concerning the debt ceiling and the deficit.

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 fiscal 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 now to attend an AHA Advocacy Day this summer. You'll have the opportunity to meet with your legislators and talk to them directly about the challenges facing your patients and your community.

Save the Date

Tuesday, June 18

Newseum
555 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC

Tuesday, July 9

Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill
400 New Jersey Avenue, NW
Washington, DC

Schedule

9:00 am. – Continental Breakfast
9:30 a.m. – Briefing on Key Issues

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

Please click **here to RSVP** or go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QZLMW3V>.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michael McCue at mmccue@aha.org or 312-422-3319, or Debra Thomas at dthomas@aha.org or 312-422-3327.

Hotel Information

Hotel rooms are available at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill for the night prior to Advocacy Day. The rate for June 17 is \$309 and July 8 is \$199. Call 888-421-1442 and mention *American Hospital Association*.

Make it personal – plan to be in Washington.