

Passing Critical Access Hospital Relief Act is a part of the AHA's unfinished business

Passage of the Critical Access Hospital Relief Act, (S. 2037/H.R. 3991), is part of hospitals' unfinished legislative business on Capitol Hill.

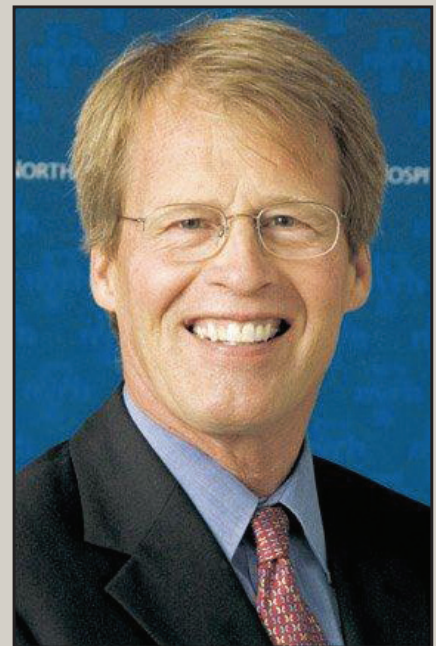
Critical access hospital (CAH) leaders, like Paul Bengston, CEO of 25-bed Northeast Vermont Regional Hospital in St. Johnsbury, sought to build congressional support for the legislation while in Washington last week for the AHA Annual Membership Meeting.

The Critical Access Hospital Relief Act would remove a

requirement that physicians at CAHs certify that a patient will be discharged or transferred in less than 96 hours for the CAH to be reimbursed for services.

Bengston also chairs the AHA Section for Small or Rural Hospital's governing council. His House legislator, Rep. Peter Welch, D-VT, cosponsors H.R. 3991.

Hear what Bengston has to say about the pre-admission requirement at <http://tinyurl.com/ko8j23m>.



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