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ACTIONALERT

Monday, September 8, 2014

NEED ACTION FROM... *Critical access and small, rural PPS hospitals*
ACTION... *Contact your representative*
WHEN... *Your immediate attention is requested*
WHY... *Extend through 2014 the enforcement delay on
direct supervision requirements for outpatient
therapeutic services*

Support H.R. 4067

Supervision bill would extend through 2014 the enforcement delay on direct supervision requirements for outpatient therapeutic services

Early this week, the U.S. House of Representatives is expected to vote on H.R. 4067, AHA-supported legislation introduced by Rep. Lynn Jenkins (R-Kan.) to extend for calendar year 2014 the enforcement moratorium on the outpatient therapeutic services “direct supervision” policy for critical access hospitals and rural prospective payment system hospitals with 100 or fewer beds.

Identical legislation was approved by the Senate (S. 1954) in February, and upon successful passage in the House, the bill will go to the president for his signature.

This legislation applies only to calendar year 2014, therefore, we also need to urge Congress to enact the AHA-supported legislation, the Protecting Access to Rural Therapy Services (PARTS) Act (H.R. 2801/S. 1143), which would adopt a default standard of “general supervision” for outpatient therapeutic services, among other provisions.

Congress returns today to Washington, D.C.; reach out to your representative and ask him or her to co-sponsor H.R. 4067.

The AHA is focused on ensuring small or rural hospitals have the resources they need to provide high-quality care and meet the needs of their communities.

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