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ACTIONALERT

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NEED ACTION FROM	<i>Rural hospital leaders</i>
ACTION.	<i>Contact your lawmakers to co-sponsor the Rural Hospital Access Act</i>
WHEN.	<i>Immediately</i>
WHY	<i>Bill makes MDH and low-volume payment adjustment permanent</i>

**Bill makes the MDH and Low-volume adjustment permanent
Urge your legislators to cosponsor S. 332/H.R. 663**

Sens. Charles Grassley (R-IA) and Chuck Schumer (D-NY) joined Reps. Tom Reed (R-NY) and Peter Welch (D-VT) late yesterday to introduce the Rural Hospital Access Act of 2015 (S. 332/H.R. 663), respectively, which makes permanent both the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program and the enhanced low-volume Medicare adjustment (LVA) for small rural prospective payment system (PPS) hospitals.

The current short-term extension of these programs is scheduled to expire on March 31, if Congress does not act. These programs are vital to America's rural hospitals and the patients and communities they serve.

The AHA is committed to advocating on behalf of rural hospitals and will work to garner support for S. 332 and H.R. 663. Please urge your lawmakers to cosponsor the Rural Hospital Access Act. (Please click [HERE](#) for a pdf version of AHA's letters of support).

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