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ACTIONALERT

Thursday, April 6, 2017

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>

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Urge your legislators to cosponsor S. 872/H.R. 1955

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 2017 (S. 872/H.R. 1955), 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 September 30, 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. 872 and H.R. 1955. 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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