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STATEMENT ON 2013 MEDICARE TRUSTEES REPORT

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The American Hospital Association is pleased that today's Medicare Trustees Report states that trust fund solvency will be extended by two additional years through 2026. This report demonstrates how increases in health care costs are slowing. The Trustees Report states that actual 2012 benefit payments were lower than projected in large part due to lower wage and price growth at hospitals and health systems.

Hospitals are contributing to these trends, with hospital cost growth at its lowest rate in 10 years. America's hospitals will continue our efforts to decrease the cost of caring while providing the best quality health care for all patients.

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