We’re working for you in Washington

Here are just a few highlights from our recent advocacy efforts on behalf of America’s hospitals. For more detail, visit www.aha.org

EXPANDING ACCESS
Enhanced telehealth programs and rural broadband

SUPPORTING RURAL HEALTH CARE
Wins related to Medicare funding and ambulance payments.

FUNDING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAMS
Newly signed legislation that increases funding and reserves a portion for regional preparedness and response systems.

STAVING OFF CRITICAL CUTS
More than 300 members in the House signed letters urging the delay of Medicaid DSH cuts

FIGHTING THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC
Newly passed legislation will provide new resources and tools
In the Courts

PROTECTING 340B RESOURCES
Successfully sued CMS to prevent 30% cut to some 340B hospitals

REQUIRING TRANSPARENCY
Successfully sued HHS to implement a final rule on drug price ceilings and monetary penalties for manufacturers in the 340B program

SPEEDING UP MEDICARE CLAIMS PROCESS
Won an order that requires HHS meet annual targets for reducing backlog of appeals

In the Agencies

ADDRESSING BURDENSOME QUALITY MEASURES
Reducing the burden for providers by addressing quality measure overlap

FIGHTING ESCALATING DRUG COSTS
Defeated drug rebate rule that would not hold drug makers accountable for high drug prices and would raise premiums

PREVENTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING
Helped secure new ICD-10 codes for human trafficking to help track victims and identify community-based solutions

PROTECTING PHYSICIANS
Preserved coding differentiation so physicians who treat disproportionate number of higher-acuity patients aren’t penalized