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**AHA EVENT** | POST-ACUTE CARE ADVOCACY CALLS

## Next call scheduled for Sept. 19

Join us on Sept. 19 at 2 p.m. ET for our next monthly post-acute care advocacy call, featuring updates on regulatory news and the latest policy and legislative information in the post-acute care area. Our August call has been canceled.

As always, we welcome your ideas and suggestions for future calls.

Click the date to register for [Sept. 19](#) and/or the next one scheduled for [Oct. 17](#).

Visit [AHA's Post-acute Care website](#) for a full calendar of future calls, as well as recaps, audio and materials from previous calls.

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**ADVOCACY**

## AHA Special Bulletin summarizes the LTCH final rule for FY 2024

AHA members Aug. 2 received a [Special Bulletin](#) summarizing key provisions in the long-term care hospital prospective payment system final payment rule for fiscal year 2024, released Aug. 1. Read the AHA Special Bulletin on the [LTCH PPS](#) provisions for details and key takeaways from the rule.

In a [statement](#) shared with the media, Ashley Thompson, AHA's senior vice president for public policy analysis and development, said, "The AHA is deeply concerned with CMS' woefully inadequate inpatient and long-term care hospital payment updates. ... In addition, while we appreciate CMS adopting some of our suggested improvements in its long-term care hospital outlier threshold calculation, it still finalized a figure that is 55% higher than it is currently. Most long-term care hospitals cannot afford to absorb such financial losses. We are concerned it will harm their ability to care for the sickest patients – a population they provide care for already at a considerable financial loss."

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## ADVOCACY

### AHA Regulatory Advisory details home health proposed rule for CY 2024

AHA July 26 released a [Regulatory Advisory](#) detailing key provisions in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services calendar year 2024 proposed rule for the home health prospective payment system, which would reduce net home health payments by an estimated \$375 million, or -2.2%, in calendar year 2024, relative to the year prior.

Comments on the proposed rule are due Aug. 29. Read the AHA Regulatory Advisory for more on the proposed rule and AHA's take.

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## ADVOCACY

### AHA issues summary of FY 2024 skilled nursing facility final rule

AHA Aug. 1 released a summary of key provisions in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' fiscal year 2024 final rule for the skilled nursing facility prospective payment system. Released July 31, the [final rule](#) updates SNF rates, finalizes a budget neutrality offset related to the Patient Driven Payment Model case-mix system implemented in FY 2020 and finalizes nearly all proposals for the SNF Quality Reporting Program. Read the AHA [Special Bulletin](#) for key highlights from the rule and AHA's take.

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## ADVOCACY

### AHA Special Bulletin summarizes FY 2024 final rule for inpatient rehabilitation facilities

AHA July 28 released a [Special Bulletin](#) summarizing key provisions in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services fiscal year 2024 final rule for inpatient rehabilitation facilities, which increases payments by an estimated 4%, or \$355 million, relative to 2023. Read the AHA Special Bulletin for more on the final rule and AHA's take.

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## ADVOCACY

### Workforce Perspectives

AHA highlights Thomas, a physical therapist at UnityPoint Health Grinnell Regional Medical Center in Grinnell, Iowa, as he shares his passion and commitment for the health care profession. The video is part of AHA's [#WeAreHealthCare](#) campaign to tell hospitals' stories. [WATCH NOW](#)

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## OPPORTUNITIES

# Post-acute Care Spotlight

The AHA invites members to share your stories, blogs, podcasts, etc. that feature the work your organization and/or team members are doing in the post-acute care space. We encourage you to help us identify collaborations and equitable solutions that address access to quality post-acute care and improved health outcomes that can be shared with our members.

Submit your stories [here](#).

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To access past Post-acute Care Updates, click [here](#), and check out the latest resources at the AHA Post-acute Care [website](#).

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