



American Hospital Association

ADVOCACY UPDATE

Action Alert!

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NEED ACTION FROM Hospital leaders
ACTION Ask your legislators to oppose White House cuts to your hospital
WHEN Immediately

OPPOSE DRAMATIC HOSPITAL CUTS

Here is your hospital- and state-specific data ... urge your legislators to oppose proposed cuts to hospitals

President Obama this weekend [called for](#) nearly a quarter of a trillion dollars in [additional cuts](#) from Medicare and Medicaid payments to hospitals to help finance health care reform. The proposal includes **\$110 billion** in cuts to provider updates, the bulk of which come from hospitals, in the form of an annual "productivity adjustment" (i.e., cuts to hospitals' market basket updates), as well as a 75% reduction in funding for the Medicare and Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) programs – a cut of **\$106 billion** over 10 years. To view the AHA's statement on the proposed cuts, [click here](#).

The numbers below detail how the cuts would impact your state and your hospital. **Cutting hospital payments is not reform: Urge your senators and representative to reject these cuts!** Please contact your legislators immediately... and urge your colleagues to do likewise.

10 Year Impact of President's Proposed Cuts

Impact of proposed "productivity adjustment" and other cuts to annual payment updates on [HOSPITAL]*: _____

Impact of proposed cut to Medicare DSH on [HOSPITAL]: _____

Impact of proposed cut to Medicare DSH on [STATE]: _____

Impact of proposed cut to Medicaid DSH on [STATE]: _____

*This number includes productivity adjustments for inpatient PPS, outpatient PPS, rehab, skilled nursing facilities (SNF), long-term acute care and home health; rate freezes in FY2010 for rehab and SNF; and rebasing home health in FY 2010. Additional details can be found at <http://www.aha.org/aha/content/2009/pdf/090616-bulltein-attach-tech-notes-reform-plan.pdf>

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