

July 13, 2010

United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of the American Hospital Association's (AHA) more than 5,000 member hospitals, health systems and other health care organizations, and our 40,000 individual members, I am writing to express our support for *The Veterans' Seniors' and Children's Health Technical Corrections Act of 2010*.

Hospitals strive to provide their communities with quality care every day, and this legislation provides clarifications and improvements to help them do that job. This legislation includes important provisions that benefit hospitals and health care providers, and extends several critical programs that will be expiring soon, including:

- Clarification of the distribution of unused residency slots under the Medicare Graduate Medical Education (GME) program.
- Inclusion of orphan drugs for children's hospitals under the 340B drug discount program.
- Repeal of the delay of the skilled nursing facility RUG-IV payment system.
- Funding for claims reprocessing back to January 1, 2010.
- Extension of the Section 508 hospital wage index reclassification program.

Again, we are pleased to support this legislation, and urge its passage.

Sincerely,



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