

GREATER NEW YORK HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

555 WEST 57TH STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10019 • T (212) 246-7100 • F (212) 262-6350 • WWW.GNYHA.ORG • PRESIDENT, KENNETH E. RASKE

March
Twenty-Five
2015

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3207

Dear Member of Congress:

On behalf of the Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA) and its member hospitals, I am writing to express our support for *the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015* (H.R. 2), which would repeal the flawed Medicare sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula and replace it with a stable Medicare physician payment system.

While I am disappointed that the legislation includes hospital cuts to pay for a portion of the proposal, a permanent “doc fix” will require a balanced approach. H.R. 2 also includes several policy priorities of great importance to GNYHA members—including an additional six-month enforcement delay of the Medicare two-midnight policy to permit the development of a new Medicare payment methodology for short inpatient hospital stays, a one-year delay of the Affordable Care Act’s Medicaid disproportionate share hospital (DSH) cuts, and a funding extension for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Equally important, the legislation rejects flawed policy proposals that would cut critical Medicare and Medicaid payments, including graduate medical education (GME) and hospital outpatient payments.

On behalf of GNYHA’s entire membership, we urge the U.S. House to pass H.R. 2.

Thank you for your leadership and your steadfast support for the health care community.

Sincerely,



Kenneth E. Raske
President



GNYHA is a dynamic, constantly evolving center for health care advocacy and expertise, but our core mission—helping hospitals deliver the finest patient care in the most cost-effective way—never changes.