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Urge Your Representative to Support Rural Medicare Extenders In Funding Bill

On Feb. 8, funding for the federal government is set to expire. House and Senate leaders are working on a long-term spending deal to fund the government through the remainder of the fiscal year, but may have to pass another more short-term continuing resolution to allow time for negotiations.

Meanwhile, funding for the Medicare-dependent Hospital and enhanced Low-volume Adjustment programs expired on Sept. 30, 2017. It is critical that Congress extend these programs in the next spending bill. The Rural Hospital Access Act (H.R. 1955/S. 872) has been introduced in the U.S. House and U.S. Senate and would make these programs permanent if enacted into law.

Action requested: Contact or meet with your member of Congress and ask them to support extending the Medicare-dependent Hospital and Low-volume Adjustment programs in the next spending bill.

To help support your advocacy efforts, see a [fact sheet](#) on the Rural Medicare Extenders, including the Medicare-dependent Hospital and Low-volume Adjustment programs. Also see [IHA's letter](#) to the Illinois Congressional Delegation.

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