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Hospitals and health systems are urged to contact their federal representatives to request inclusion of critical hospital and health system priorities in upcoming “must-pass” legislation. Use IHA’s [Federal Advocacy Alert](#) to send a message directly to your member of Congress.

Funding for the federal government expires on March 11, and Congress is currently negotiating a broad spending package. IHA is working with our state and national partners to ask Congress to attach key hospital priorities, including:

- Adding new money to the Provider Relief Fund and passing the Provider Relief Fund Improvement Act (S. 3611/H.R. 5963), which would extend current reporting and use-of-funds deadlines and provide other flexibilities;
- Allowing additional flexibility for repayment of Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payment Program loans, including a six-month suspension of repayments followed by a reduced recoupment rate for the following 12 months;
- Extending Medicare sequester relief through the end of the public health emergency or calendar year, whichever is later; and
- Protecting 340B Drug Pricing Program eligibility by passing S. 773/H.R. 3203 to ensure hospitals experiencing changes in their payer mix during the pandemic can maintain program eligibility.

A recent IHA issue brief highlighting why hospitals need financial relief is [here](#). IHA’s Jan. 10 letter to the delegation outlining additional legislative priorities is [here](#).

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