



LHA COVID-19 ALERT



LHA COVID-19 C-Suite Alert: Ask Our Congressional Delegation to Support Hospitals in Next COVID-Relief Package

U.S. senators returned to D.C. this week with the goal of passing another COVID-19 relief bill before Aug. 7. As our state experiences a new surge in COVID hospitalizations, hospital leaders are urged to contact Louisiana’s Congressional Delegation to request additional financial support.

Without additional funding, half of all U.S. hospitals will have negative operating margins before the end of this year, according to a recent [analysis](#) prepared by Kaufman, Hall & Associates. The American Hospital Association (AHA) estimates that hospitals will experience at least [\\$323 billion](#) in total losses this year.

ACTION NEEDED: Using the recent [AHA Action Alert](#) as a guide, please call or [email](#) your congressional offices, provide your name and facility, share examples of the challenges your hospital is facing, and request support for the following provisions to be included in the next relief bill being debated:

- An [additional \\$100 billion](#) for the Provider Relief Fund;
- [Additional support](#) for frontline healthcare personnel;
- Forgiveness for Medicare [accelerated payments](#);
- Continuation of health benefits for individuals and families and expansion of [coverage options](#) for those who are uninsured;
- Appropriate [liability protections](#) for frontline medical providers and facilities; and
- Elimination of the [Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Regulation](#).

Contact Information:

| Lawmaker | DC Phone |
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| Sen. Bill Cassidy | 202-224-5824 |
| Sen. John Kennedy | 202-224-4623 |
| Rep. Steve Scalise (LA-1) | 202-225-3015 |
| Rep. Cedric Richmond (LA-2) | 202-225-6636 |
| Rep. Clay Higgins (LA-3) | 202-225-2031 |
| Rep. Mike Johnson (LA-4) | 202-225-2777 |
| Rep. Ralph Abraham (LA-5) | 202-225-8490 |
| Rep. Garret Graves (LA-6) | 202-225-3901 |

Note: This Alert is being distributed on July 23, 2020 to **hospital C-Suite personnel** in the LHA database.

This and other local, state and national hospital-specific resources and guidance from trusted sources can be found on the LHA’s COVID-19 [webpage](#).