



June 2023 Congressional Delegation Meetings

COBTH MEMBERSHIP

The Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals (COBTH) is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the full mission of Boston's teaching hospitals: providing world-renowned clinical care; training the next generation of physicians, nurses, and other health care professionals; discovering and advancing new treatments and cures; and responding to the public health needs of our community.

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PRIORITY ISSUES

- **Oppose "Site Neutral" Payment Policies (PATIENT Act, H.R. 3561)**
 - This bill contains harmful policies that would cut Medicare reimbursement for drug administration services in hospital outpatient departments. COBTH's hospitals continue to face considerable financial challenges and strongly oppose any policies that would reduce Medicare reimbursement for hospitals.
- **Support Continued Access to Telehealth Services**
 - We greatly appreciate Congress extending the majority of telehealth waivers through the end of 2024. We request your support in advocating with CMS to extend regulatory policies that could expire at the end of 2023, including virtual supervision and suspension of the requirement that clinicians practicing telehealth at home be required to report their home address.
- **Support Increased Funding for the Hospital Preparedness Program in PAHPA Reauthorization**
 - ASPR's Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) is the only dedicated source of federal funding for hospitals and health care facilities to prepare for and respond to large-scale emergencies and disasters.
- **Support the Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act (H.R. 2389) & Efforts to Support and Diversify the Health Care Workforce**
 - Bipartisan legislation would add 14,000 additional Medicare-support medical residency positions over seven years. MA hospitals currently train 620 residents on top of what is supported by Medicare direct GME funding.
- **Support Federal Medical Research Funding in FY24 Appropriations**
 - We request your continued strong support for robust federal funding for NIH and other federal research programs.
- **Support State and Municipal Efforts to Support Recent Migrant Arrivals Seeking Emergency Shelter**
 - Boston-area hospitals continue to be inundated by recent migrant arrivals seeking emergency shelter and enrollment in social services in our emergency departments. We are actively working with State and City leaders to improve access to shelter and divert people from our EDs who do not have emergency medical needs.

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