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Opponents use SCHIP Children's Health Care Bill to Attack Physician-Owned Hospitals: Doctors Call on Congressional Leadership to Remove Lobbyist Inspired Attack Reports PHA

WASHINGTON, DC - In response to Wednesday's attack on hospitals owned by America's physicians, Physician Hospitals of America declares that it is time for House and Senate Leadership to step in and ensure the future of hospitals that are operated by doctors who swore oaths to care for their patients.

The doctors are asking Leadership to remove the anti-physician language so that Congress can pass a clean SCHIP Bill for children. Last year anti-physician, special interest lobbyists tried their sneak attack by way of the Farm Bill and even the War Supplemental Bill, but were stopped.

"We are extremely disappointed in the House action," said Molly Sandvig, Executive Director of Physician's Hospitals of America. "Physician-owned hospitals provide high quality health care to many Americans. Wednesday's vote will deprive our citizens, particularly Medicare beneficiaries, of the opportunity to have access to improved medical and surgical outcomes."

Ironically, the House vote will mean that even the children SCHIP is supposed to help will be prevented from access to many of the country's best hospitals.

The language contained in HR 2, the SCHIP reauthorization, will not allow hospitals to grow, seriously hampering them economically. Also, there will be no protection offered for hospitals under development and no physician investors in hospitals built after January 1, 2009 would be allowed to care for Medicare or Medicaid patients in these facilities.

There are currently 199 physician-owned hospitals nationwide. Together, these facilities employ more than 55,000 nurses, other health professionals and support staff. Critically, hospitals owned and operated by physicians themselves consistently are rated as safer and better by independent evaluations including those of the federal government. (See full list of hospitals below)

Sandvig notes, "As acknowledged by many House members, SCHIP should be funded by a stable source, not through a budget gimmick. The purpose of SCHIP was never to include extraneous Medicare provisions that limit patient choice or prohibit access to quality care."

Instead of draining money or needing taxpayer bailouts PHA member hospitals strengthen local economies through their payrolls, taxes, and purchase of local goods and services. If the attack on physician owned hospitals is allowed to continue, local economies will be deprived of billions of dollars that are needed now more than ever before.

“SCHIP is intended as a bill with a positive impact,” adds Sandvig. “Physicians, physician hospital employees and America’s patients, call on Congress and request that they abide by that intent.”

HOSPITAL NAME	CITY	STATE
Troy Regional Medical Center	Troy	AL
Crestwood Medical Center	Huntsville	AL
NEA Medical Center	Jonesboro	AR
HealthPark Hospital	Hot Springs	AR
Arkansas Surgical Hospital	North Little Rock	AR
Arkansas Heart Hospital	Little Rock	AR
National Park Medical Center	Hot Springs	AR
Arizona Heart Hospital	Phoenix	AZ
Arizona Orthopedic Surgical Hospital	Chandler	AZ
Arizona Spine & Joint Hospital	Mesa	AZ
Arizona Regional Medical Center	Mesa	AZ
Tucson Heart Hospital	Tucson	AZ
Gilbert Hospital	Gilbert	AZ
Mountain Vista Medical Center	Mesa	AZ
Surgical Specialty Hospital of Arizona	Phoenix	AZ
Patients' Hospital of Redding	Redding	CA
Sutter Surgical Hospital - North Valley	Yuba City	CA
Shasta Regional Medical	Redding	CA
Fresno Surgical Hospital	Fresno	CA
Stanislaus Surgical Hospital	Modesto	CA
Bakersfield Heart Hospital	Bakersfield	CA
Thousand Oaks Surgical Hospital	Thousand Oaks	CA

Miracle Mile Medical Center	Los Angeles	CA
Olympia Medical Center	Los Angeles	CA
Community Hospital of Huntington Park	Huntington Park	CA
Coast Plaza Doctors Hospital	Norwalk	CA
Alvarado Hospital Medical Center	San Diego	CA
Animas Surgical Hospital	Durango	CO
Doctors Hospital	Augusta	GA
Trinity Hospital of Augusta	Augusta	GA
Hawaii Medical Center-West	Ewa Beach	HI
Hawaii Medical Center-East	Honolulu	HI
Treasure Valley Hospital	Boise	ID
Northwest Specialty Hospital	Post Falls	ID
Mountain View Hospital	Idaho Falls	ID
Surgical Hospital of Munster	Munster	IN
Pinnacle Hospital	Crown Point	IN
Franciscan Physicians Hospital	Munster	IN
Hind General Hospital	Hobart	IN
RiverCrest Specialty Hospital	Mishawaka	IN
Doctor's Hospital	Bremen	IN
Dupont Hospital	Fort Wayne	IN
Kosciusko Community Hospital	Warsaw	IN
Indiana Orthopaedic Hospital	Indianapolis	IN
Indiana Heart Hospital	Indianapolis	IN
St. Vincent Heart Center of Indiana	Indianapolis	IN
Surgical and Diagnostic Center of Great Bend	Great Bend	KS
Salina Surgical Hospital	Salina	KS
Summit Surgical	Hutchinson	KS
Manhattan Surgical Hospital	Manhattan	KS
Doctors Specialty Hospital	Leawood	KS
Kansas City Orthopaedic Institute	Leawood	KS
Heartland Spine & Specialty Hospital	Overland Park	KS

Kansas Spine Hospital	Wichita	KS
Kansas Surgery and Recovery Center	Wichita	KS
Kansas Heart Hospital	Wichita	KS
Kansas Medical Center	Andover	KS
Galichia Heart Hospital	Wichita	KS
Southern Surgical Hospital	Slidell	LA
Fairway Medical Center	Covington	LA
Doctors Hospital of Slidell	Slidell	LA
Louisiana Heart Hospital	Lacombe	LA
Physicians Surgical Specialty Hospital	Houma	LA
Specialists Hospital Bossier	Bossier City	LA
Specialists Hospital Shreveport	Shreveport	LA
Ouachita Community Hospital	West Monroe	LA
P & S Surgical Hospital	Monroe	LA
Green Clinic Surgical Hospital	Ruston	LA
Monroe Surgical Hospital	Monroe	LA
Greater Baton Rouge Surgical Hospital	Baton Rouge	LA
The Neuro Medical Center Surgical Hospital	Baton Rouge	LA
Surgical Specialty Centre	Baton Rouge	LA
Lafayette General Surgical Hospital	Lafayette	LA
Park Place Surgical Hospital	Lafayette	LA
Heart Hospital Lafayette	Lafayette	LA
Lafayette Surgical Specialty Hospital	Lafayette	LA
Southpark Hospital	Youngsville	LA
Southeast Michigan Surgical Hospital	Warren	MI
Oakland Regional Hospital	Southfield	MI
Ozarks Community Hospital	Springfield	MO
Health Center Northwest Hospital	Kalispell	MT
Central Montana Surgical Hospital	Great Falls	MT
North Carolina Specialty Hospital	Durham	NC
Lincoln Surgical Hospital	Lincoln	NE

Nebraska Heart Hospital	Lincoln	NE
Midwest Neuroscience Surgery Center	Omaha	NE
Nebraska Orthopaedic Hospital	Omaha	NE
Bellevue Medical Center	Bellevue	NE
Heart Hospital of New Mexico	Albuquerque	NM
Physicians Medical Center of Santa Fe	Santa Fe	NM
Sierra Surgery Hospital	Carson City	NV
Surgery Center of Evendale	Cincinnati	OH
The Medical Center at Elizabeth Place	Dayton	OH
Riverview Health Institute	Dayton	OH
Institute for Orthopaedic Surgery	Lima	OH
Three Gables Surgery Center	Proctorville	OH
Butler County Medical Center	Hamilton	OH
Mercy Hospital Fairfield	Fairfield	OH
Medical Center of Newark	Newark	OH
Tulsa Spine & Specialty Hospital	Tulsa	OK
Oklahoma Surgical Hospital	Tulsa	OK
Hospital for Special Surgery	Oklahoma City	OK
Foundation Bariatric Hospital of Oklahoma	Edmond	OK
Northwest Surgical Hospital	Oklahoma City	OK
Surgical Hospital of Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	OK
Oklahoma Center for Orthopaedic & Multi-Specialty Surgery	Oklahoma City	OK
Lakeside Women's Hospital	Oklahoma City	OK
McBride Clinic Orthopedic Hospital	Oklahoma City	OK
Oklahoma Heart Hospital	Oklahoma City	OK
Deaconess Hospital	Oklahoma City	OK
Oklahoma Spine Hospital	Oklahoma City	OK
McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center	Springfield	OR
Edgewood Surgical Hospital	Transfer	PA
Diversified Specialty Institutes, Bucks County	Bensalem	PA
Surgical Specialty Center at Coordinated Health	Bethlehem	PA

Westfield Hospital	Allentown	PA
Surgical Insitute of Reading	Wyomissing	PA
Mary Black Memorial Hospital	Spartanburg	SC
Lewis & Clark Specialty Hospital	Yankton	SD
Dakota Plains Surgical Center	Aberdeen	SD
Same Day Surgery Center	Rapid City	SD
Siouxland Surgery Center	Dakota Dunes	SD
Sioux Falls Surgical Center	Sioux Falls	SD
Black Hills Surgery Center	Rapid City	SD
Avera Heart Hospital of South Dakota	Sioux Falls	SD
Woods Memorial Hospital	Etowah	TN
United Regional Medical Center	Manchester	TN
Texas Spine & Joint Hospital	Tyler	TX
Woodland Heights Medical Center	Lufkin	TX
Longview Regional Medical Center	Longview	TX
Beaumont Bone & Joint Institute	Beaumont	TX
TOPS Surgical Hospital	Houston	TX
The Medical Center of Southeast Texas	Port Arthur	TX
Vista Hospital of Dallas	Garland	TX
Baylor Medical Center at Frisco	Frisco	TX
Presbyterian Plano Center for Diagnostics & Surgery	Plano	TX
Reliant Rehabilitation Hospital - North Texas	Richardson	TX
Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall	Rockwall	TX
USMD Hospital at Arlington	Arlington	TX
Foundation Surgical Hospital	Bellaire	TX
Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center	Houston	TX
Beacon Specialty Hospital	Houston	TX
Memorial Hermann Surgical Hospital Kingwood	Kingwood	TX
Reliant Rehabilitation Hospital - North Houston	Shenandoah	TX
Texas Orthopedic Hospital	Houston	TX
Northwest Hills Surgical Hospital	Austin	TX

Heart Hospital Of Austin	Austin	TX
North Cypress Medical Center	Cypress	TX
Odessa Regional Medical Center	Odessa	TX
USMD Hospital at Fort Worth	Fort Worth	TX
GLOBALREHAB	Fort Worth	TX
Baylor Surgical Hospital at Fort Worth	Fort Worth	TX
Quail Creek Surgical Hospital	Amarillo	TX
Northwest Texas Surgical Hospital	Amarillo	TX
Harlingen Medical Center	Harlingen	TX
Doctors Hospital at Renaissance	Edinburg	TX
El Paso Specialty Hospital	El Paso	TX
Physicians Hospital	El Paso	TX
The Physicians Centre	Bryan	TX
St. Joseph Medical Center	Houston	TX
University General Hospital	Houston	TX
Lubbock Heart Hospital	Lubbock	TX
Foundation Bariatric Hospital of San Antonio	San Antonio	TX
Texasan Heart Hospital	San Antonio	TX
Austin Surgical Hospital	Austin	TX
The Hospital at Westlake Medical Center	Austin	TX
Sugar Land Surgical Hospital	Sugar Land	TX
Vista Medical Center Hospital	Pasadena	TX
Houston Physicians' Hospital	Webster	TX
South Texas Spine & Surgical Hospital	San Antonio	TX
Southwest General Hospital	San Antonio	TX
Harris Methodist Southlake	Southlake	TX
RHD Medical Center	Dallas	TX
North Texas Hospital	Denton	TX
Southwest Surgical Hospital	Hurst	TX
Baylor Medical Center at Trophy Club	Trophy Club	TX
Cook Children's Hospital Northeast	Hurst	TX

Brownsville Doctors Hospital	Brownsville	TX
Doctor's Hospital of Laredo	Laredo	TX
Patients Medical Center	Pasadena	TX
Doctors Hospital Tidwell	Houston	TX
Doctors Hospital Parkway	Houston	TX
Houston Hospital for Specialized Surgery	Houston	TX
GLOBALREHAB	Dallas	TX
Pine Creek Medical Center	Dallas	TX
Baylor Heart and Vascular Center	Dallas	TX
Gulf States Hospitals	Dallas	TX
Reliant Rehabilitation Hospital - Central Texas	Round Rock	TX
Irving Coppel Surgical Hospital	Irving	TX
Texas Institute for Surgery	Dallas	TX
Cache Valley Specialty Hospital	North Logan	UT
Davis Hospital and Medical Center	Layton	UT
Salt Lake Regional Medical Center	Salt Lake City	UT
Jordan Valley Medical Center	West Jordan	UT
Wenatchee Valley Hospital	Wenatchee	WA
OakLeaf Surgical Hospital	Eau Claire	WI
Orthopaedic Hospital of Wisconsin	Glendale	WI
Aurora BayCare Medical Center	Green Bay	WI
Charleston Surgical Hospital	Charleston	WV