



ESSENTIAL HOSPITALS

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

On behalf of Essential Hospitals Political Action Committee (PAC), I present this review of the PAC's 2018 activity. Thanks to the generous support of our donors, the association leveraged the PAC as part of successful advocacy campaigns to protect critical federal funding for essential hospitals.

As we move forward, America's Essential Hospitals is working aggressively to delay the \$4 billion Medicaid disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payment reduction scheduled for October 1, 2019. This is our top advocacy priority for 2019. Advocacy staff will use the PAC to help build relationships and educate new members of Congress, as well as support the work of returning lawmakers who are essential hospital champions.

Your support is needed to ensure we can use this important tool to maintain our strong presence in Washington.

Charlie Shields

President and CEO, Truman Medical Centers



TOP 2018 MEMBER DONORS

None of this work would be possible without the generous contributions of our donors. Our top member donors in 2018 were:

- ◆ Patrick Cawley, MD, MHM, CEO of Medical University of South Carolina University Hospital
- ◆ John Hauptert, President and CEO of Grady Memorial Hospital
- ◆ Tom Quatroche Jr., PhD, President and CEO of Erie County Medical Center
- ◆ Eric Dickson, MD, MHCM, President and CEO of UMass Memorial Health Care
- ◆ Stephen Johnson, Vice President of Governmental and Payer Relations for Erlanger Health System
- ◆ Joseph Scott, Executive Vice President of Health Care Transformation for RWJBarnabas Health
- ◆ Susan Ehrlich, MD, MPP, CEO of Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center
- ◆ Wright Lassiter III, President and CEO of Henry Ford Health System
- ◆ Charlie Shields, President and CEO of Truman Medical Centers
- ◆ Barry Freedman, President and CEO of Einstein Healthcare Network
- ◆ Bill Masterton, LCMC Health Market CEO of University Medical Center New Orleans
- ◆ Donna Sollenberger, MA, Executive Vice President and CEO of UTMB Health
- ◆ Leon Haley Jr., MD, MHSA, CEO of UF Health Jacksonville
- ◆ Jon Pryor, MD, MBA
- ◆ William Walker, MD, Director of Legislative and Governmental Affairs for Contra Costa Health Services
- ◆ Steve Purves, President and CEO of Maricopa Integrated Health System

2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

PROTECTING PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES

America's Essential Hospitals' role as the leading advocate for essential hospitals and vulnerable patients puts the association at the center of battles in Washington for the shrinking slice of federal health care dollars.

In February 2018, we convinced Congress to stop \$5 billion in cuts to Medicaid DSH payments in fiscal years 2018 and 2019. This marks the fourth time we have successfully delayed such cuts, bringing to \$9 billion the total amount of DSH cuts averted.

The PAC was instrumental in amplifying the voice of hospitals that welcome all patients, including those facing economic and social hardships and most in need of help. This proved effective during the association's successful efforts to block harmful legislation that would have limited access to the 340B Drug Pricing Program. The PAC provided an avenue to share stories of how essential hospitals use government resources to extend their reach and mission-driven services beyond their walls.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Essential Hospitals PAC raised \$52,193 in 2018, exceeding its \$50,000 fundraising goal for the year.
- ◆ The average Essential Hospitals PAC donation was \$1,450.
- ◆ Essential Hospitals PAC distributed \$44,500 to 39 candidates in 2018, including:
 - \$22,500 to 20 Democratic candidates; and
 - \$21,000 to 19 Republican candidates.

Essential Hospitals PAC contributed to candidates best positioned to influence these topics of relevance to essential hospitals:

340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM

PAHPA HEALTH DISPARITIES

DSH PAYMENTS

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES

SITE-NEUTRAL MEDICARE FUNDING

BALANCE BILLING

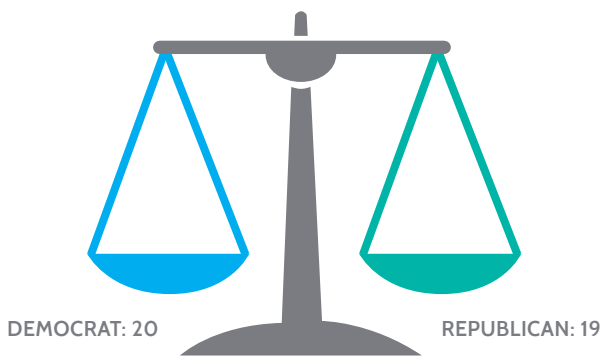
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SUPPORTING ESSENTIAL HOSPITAL CHAMPIONS

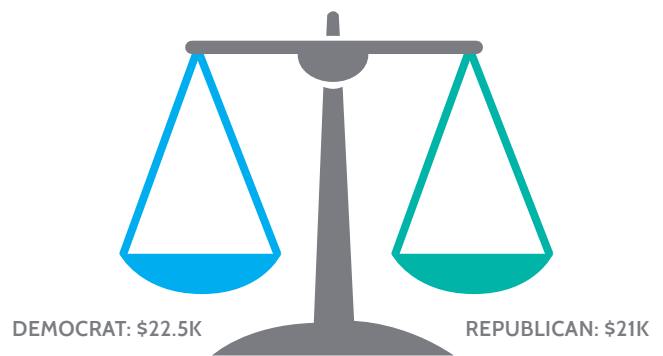
The Essential Hospitals PAC board and association staff ensure contributions made by the PAC go to candidates whose legislative record reflects the policy priorities and values of essential hospitals. The PAC was most active heading into the 2018 midterm elections, when our advocacy team used contributions as an important engagement tool with lawmakers seeking to return to Capitol Hill.

Our contributions went to members of key committees, including the House committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means and the Senate committees on Finance and Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

NUMBER OF CANDIDATES DONATED TO IN 2018



AMOUNT OF MONEY DONATED IN 2018



ABOUT ESSENTIAL HOSPITALS PAC

Essential Hospitals PAC is a voluntary, nonpartisan entity that provides opportunities for staff of America's Essential Hospitals members to participate and engage in the political process. Federal law allows Essential Hospitals PAC to communicate with and solicit eligible employees of association members.

The mission of Essential Hospitals PAC is to support congressional candidates who champion policies that improve access to the high-quality health care provided by essential hospitals. Through the Essential Hospitals PAC, donors demonstrate their commitment to the ongoing service of federal lawmakers who support essential hospitals and the patients and communities they serve.