



ESSENTIAL HOSPITALS

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

Last year, the PAC played a key role in protecting federal support for our hospitals, helping stop harmful cuts to the 340B Drug Pricing Program and Medicaid disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments and prevent further erosion of grandfathered hospital outpatient department payments. The PAC was crucial in strengthening ties with current Congressional champions, in addition to widening our support by building out new relationships.



Essential Hospitals PAC helps support the work our members do every day on the front lines of improving quality and access to care for all people, regardless of their background or ability to pay. Your donations help ensure the kind of access we need to be effective influencers in today's tumultuous political climate. Safeguarding the essential hospital voice will be more important than ever as we head into the 2020 election season, and your continued support is needed to ensure our advocacy team has this important tool.

Thank you for your strong support in 2019; let's ensure a robust 2020 for the Essential Hospitals PAC.

Patrick Cawley, MD, MHM
CEO of Medical University of South Carolina University Hospital

TOP 2019 MEMBER DONORS

- ◆ Patrick Cawley, MD, MHM, CEO of Medical University of South Carolina University Hospital
- ◆ Marc Corriveau, Vice President of Government Affairs at Henry Ford Health System
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- ◆ William Walker, MD, Director of Legislative and Governmental Affairs for Contra Costa Health Services

2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

America's Essential Hospitals' role as the leading advocate for essential hospitals and vulnerable patients puts the association at the center of the influence sphere in Washington ensuring our hospitals maintain access to the diminishing slice of federal health care dollars.

In 2019, our advocacy centered on four primary objectives:

- ◆ stopping the scheduled \$4 billion cut to Medicaid DSH funding for fiscal year 2020;
- ◆ protecting the 340B program from harmful policy changes;
- ◆ opposing proposals to establish a government-set benchmark payment rate for out-of-network care; and
- ◆ urging lawmakers not to expand Medicare site-neutral payment cuts.

The PAC played a key role in our overall advocacy strategy and helped ensure the type of influence and access necessary to fight for our hospitals in Washington. This was the most active year to date for Essential Hospitals PAC and we achieved our highest giving level ever: **\$85,000**.

Our political giving strategy has focused on committees of jurisdiction in the House and Senate, Congressional leadership, and members in vulnerable districts up for election in 2020. This strategy helped ensure we supported a bipartisan majority of members in the House and Senate who support Medicaid DSH funding, securing three Congressional votes to delay implementation of the looming \$4 billion cut. We also convinced lawmakers to think twice about establishing a government-set payment solution for out-of-network care based that undervalues essential hospital services.

Essential Hospitals PAC is an important tool that allows our team in Washington the access we need to effectively influence these programs and funding streams that matter most to our members:

340B DRUG PRICING PROGRAM

DSH PAYMENTS PAHPA PRESCRIPTION HEALTH CARE COSTS
 OPIOIDS DRUG PRICING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
 MEDICARE FUNDING SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH
 HEALTH DISPARITIES GME MEDICAID
 MATERNAL HEALTH SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLS
 MENTAL HEALTH

SITE-NEUTRAL HEALTH IT

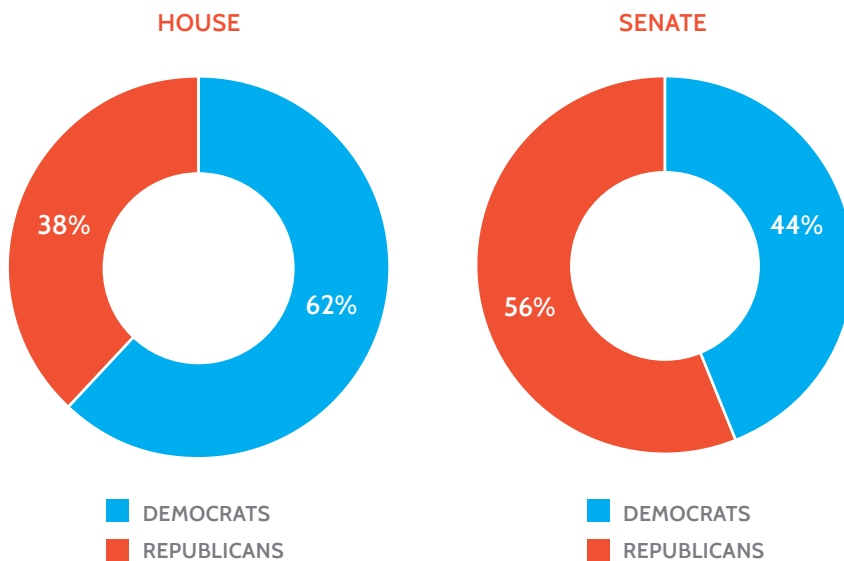
HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Essential Hospitals PAC raised \$48,695 in 2019, nearly meeting its \$50,000 fundraising goal for the year.
- ◆ The average Essential Hospitals PAC donation was **\$1,450**.
- ◆ Essential Hospitals PAC distributed **\$87,500** to 77 candidates in 2019, including:
 - \$47,500 to 44 Democratic candidates; and
 - \$40,000 to 33 Republican candidates.

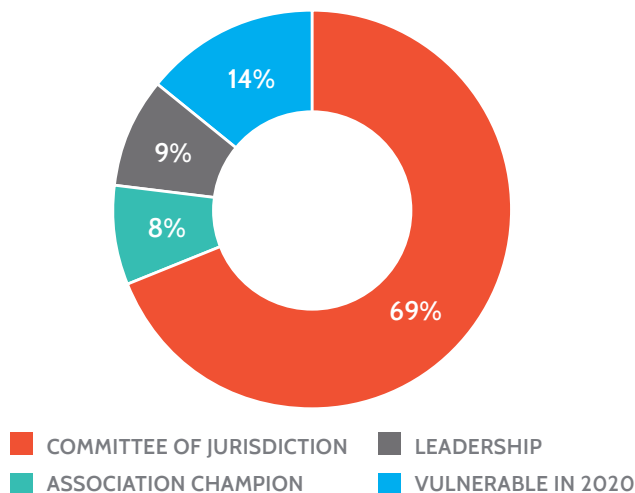
SUPPORTING ESSENTIAL HOSPITAL CHAMPIONS

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.**



DONATION TARGETING



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.