

# 2008 CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL ACTION PROGRAM

California hospital and health system leaders will take their advocacy messages directly to members of Congress during CHA's annual California Congressional Action Program. The program is held in coordination with the American Hospital Association (AHA) Annual Membership Meeting. With an ever-growing number of issues competing for congressional attention, as well as a growing federal deficit and shrinking resources, it is more important than ever to tell the "hospital story" in Washington, D.C. In addition to the hot issues of federal funding for Medicaid, Medicare and nursing programs, we will also want to discuss with the new congressional leadership California's priority issues of universal coverage and health information technology.

## PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Unless otherwise noted, functions are held at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

**California activities are listed in bold. Specific information on the AHA Annual Membership Meeting will be sent from AHA.**

### SUNDAY, APRIL 6

- 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. AHA PAC Appreciation Luncheon\*
- 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. AHA Trustee Educational Session I\*
- 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. AHA Special Briefing – Rural\*
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. AHA Special Briefing for 1st-Time Attendees\*
- 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. AHA Investiture of Chair & Reception\*
- 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. California Team "Meet & Greet" Reception**  
*Renaissance Mayflower Hotel*

### MONDAY, APRIL 7

- 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. AHA Federal Relations Forum Opening\*
- 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. AHA Executive Briefings\*
- 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. AHA Trustee Educational Session II\*
- 10:45 a.m. – Noon California Team Caucus**
- Noon – 5:00 p.m. California Team Visits on Capitol Hill**
- 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. AHA Federal Forum Plenary & PAC Awards\*
- 5:30 p.m. CHPAC Presidents' Club Dinner (by invitation only)**

### TUESDAY, APRIL 8

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. California Team Visits on Capitol Hill**
- 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. AHA Federal Relations Forum Closing/Foster G. McGaw Prize\*
- 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. AHA Executive Briefings\*
- 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. AHA Trustee Education Session III\*
- Noon – 2:00 p.m. California Team Luncheon**  
*Capitol Hill Club*
- 6:30 p.m. Multi-State Networking Dinner**

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

- 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. California Team Visits on Capitol Hill**

\* AHA events require separate registration.