DC Update



Current DC Environment





Big Ticket Health Care Talkers

- ➤ Grassley Rural Health Package
- ➤ Ways and Means Rural Health Caucus
- ➤ Surprise Billing & Drug Pricing Legislation
- > Appropriations
- ➤ Limited 2020 Congressional Calendar



101 on Meeting with a Member

- Member Profile
 - Members love stories
 - Schedules slammed and go by the 15 minutes
- Make the local connection
- Support your ask by talking about impact to constituents
- Get a staff contact
- Members have seen everything
- Don't worry about knowing every answer



101 on Meeting with a Staffer

- Staffer Profile
 - They are YOUNG! Don't be thrown off my age
 - Schedules are slammed
 - Be prepared to meet anywhere
 - Very brief meeting Not billing by the hour!
- Staffers only care about their district and state. Have to keep the boss happy!
- Don't be a slave to "one pager"
- Make the ask
- But, MOST IMPORTANT, make the connection!



The Ask

- Remind and thank members for the SORH funding increase included in the FY 2020 Labor-HHS appropriations bill to \$12.5 million.
 - The FY '20 increase matches current law authorizing \$12.5 million for SORH for FY 2018-2022.
 - Explain how increase benefits your SORH.
- Ask Congress to support SORH, FLEX and SHIP programs in FY
 2021

After the Meeting, Follow Up

- Important to stay on the radar after meeting with member or staff
- Send Thank You notes
- Send periodic emails





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