



Rate-Setting Legislation Fails Passage

On May 25th, Assembly Bill 3087 (Kalra, D-San Jose) failed to pass out of the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would have established a new state commission to set commercial reimbursement rates for hospitals, doctors, dentists and others based on a multiplier of what Medicare pays, and could have been potentially devastating to urgent care facilities' finances. CalUCA was part of a comprehensive effort against the bill spearheaded by the California Hospital Association and the California Medical Association which included writing letters of opposition to the bill and sending two CalUCA members, Dr. Roger Hicks and Dr. Armando Samaniego, to the Assembly Health Committee legislative hearing in April. We delivered a powerful message to the Assembly Health Committee and ultimately helped defeat this disastrous piece of legislation.

This is an early victory for CalUCA but also a call to action for our organization. The Government Affairs Committee will be contacting all CalUCA members in the next few weeks asking for you to contact your legislative representatives and let them know who we are and what we stand for. With your active support we can better defend ourselves from future ill-conceived legislation.

Thank you,
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