

**March 6, 2023**

**[Senate concurs with House changes to SB 268 – bill now heads to the Governor](#)**

As a follow-up to our communications on SB 268, we want to report that during this morning's floor session, the Senate agreed to the House changes to the bill and passed it by a [vote of 26-6](#). This bill now has completed legislative action and is headed to the Governor's desk for his signature. The WVHA will be submitting a support letter to the Governor and would encourage hospital leadership to do the same. Key points to make are highlighted in our [March 3<sup>rd</sup> Op/Ed](#) that was distributed to statewide media. Send support letters to:

The Honorable Jim Justice  
Governor, State of West Virginia  
Capitol Complex  
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East  
Charleston, WV 25305

SB 268 provides for a series of comprehensive changes to the Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA). The key provisions for hospitals were retained in the bill. They increase PEIA inpatient rates effective July 1, 2023, to 110% of Medicare, including language clarifying this rate also applies to critical access hospitals per diem, per day rate.

Be sure to thank your legislators who voted for the bill. The House roll call vote of 69-27 is [here](#). The final Senate roll call vote of 26-6 is [here](#). Contact information for legislators is available [here for the Senate](#) and [here for the House](#) but if you have their cell phone #s, please text them a thank you. If you have any questions, please contact [me](#). Thanks.

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