

WVHA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

February 7, 2025

The West Virginia Legislature will begin next week Wed. Feb. 12 thru April 12. The WVHA Legislative Team will keep you informed of the action through various communications including our: *WVHA Legislative Update*; and any *Call to Action and Alerts*. Stay tuned to our communications as developments during session move swiftly. Visit the Legislature's [website](#) for lawmaker contact information and committee membership along with streaming video and audio. A few updates ahead of the session:

- **Update on CON Advocacy and Call to Action:** WVHA will present its position in support of CON to the [Joint Health Committee](#) as part of interim meetings on Tue. Feb. 11 at 9:00 a.m. For more information on attending, please contact [me](#) and to stream the meeting visit [here](#). WVHA presenters will be WVHA Board of Trustees Chair Skip Gjolberg, President, WVU Medicine St. Joseph's Hospital; and Vice Chair David Goldberg, President & CEO, Mon Health, and Executive VP, Vandalia Health. Other presenters include Justyn Cox, Executive Director, West Virginia Healthcare Authority, Matthew D. Mitchell, Senior Research Fellow, Knee Center. Jamie Cavanaugh, Legal Policy Counsel, Pacific Legal Foundation. Jessica Dobrinsky, Chief of Staff, Cardinal Institute. We're continuing our legislator outreach, and we know many of you have also joined in our efforts. Please keep us updated on any of your discussions with legislators.
- **CON Resources:** To assist member hospitals in communicating our position in support of CON, the WVHA has developed a special [CON Resource Page](#). Here you'll find an informational booklet, talking points, template materials to communicate with legislators, a sample OP/ED, radio script and more. If you have questions about the resources or need additional information, please contact [me](#). This page will be updated with additional materials throughout the session so please be sure to check it out.
- **WVHA Legislative Agenda:** The WVHA's 2025 Legislative Priorities publication is available [here](#) along with supporting materials on our password protected [Advocacy Page](#). Please review and if you haven't already done so, please reach out to your local legislators to talk about the hospital challenges and opportunities you face in your community/region.
- **Health Care 101 Presentation:** WVHA is scheduled to present a "Health Care 101" educational session for members of the [House Health Committee](#) next week, Thu. Feb. 13 at 3:00 p.m. Stay tuned next week for additional information about the presentation.

- **Governor Patrick Morrisey and WV Legislature Priorities:** Governor Morrisey will present his version of the State Fiscal Year (FY 2026) budget along with priorities during his first State of the State Address to a joint session of the Legislature on Wed., Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. Areas we're following include his position to repeal CON and comments about Medicaid and PEIA budget shortfalls. Also, Senate and House leaders appeared before the WV Press Association this morning to discuss legislative priorities. Some of the topics discussed included PEIA, the school aid formula, teacher pay raises and workforce development. Stay tuned early next week on more about the Governor's agenda and legislative leadership priorities.
- **WV Senate and House Committee listings:** Full WV Senate and House Committee announcements have been made so now we have a complete picture of which legislators are on committees. The Senate Health Committee will be chaired by [Laura Wakim Chapman](#) and the full membership is [here](#). The House Health Committee will be chaired by [Evan Worrel](#) with full membership [here](#). Please take a moment to review each committee membership and see if you have a local legislator on the committee. The full Senate Committee listing and membership is [here](#) and the House Committee listing is [here](#).

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at tgregory@wvha.org or 304-545-0128.