Once the House votes on the spending bill, it will be sent to the Senate. CHA is hopeful that congressional leaders will agree on a spending bill that has funding for hospitals' Ebola preparedness efforts.

Additionally, the bill would provide $254.5 million in FY 2015 for the Hospital Preparedness Program. The bill would provide $1.77 billion to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through Sept. 30, 2019 for the transportation, medical care, treatment, and other related costs of persons quarantined or isolated under federal or state quarantine law, among other purposes. The bill would also provide at least $10 million for worker-based training to prevent and reduce exposure of hospital employees, emergency first responders and other workers who are at risk of exposure to Ebola. CHA is hopeful that congressional leaders will agree on a spending bill that has funding for hospitals' Ebola preparedness efforts.
Education Updates

HRO Safety Coach Training
Monday, December 15, 2014
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Event Registration

Safety Coaches are peer mentors, trained to recognize and acknowledge good high reliability behavior and to remind people about opportunities to improve behavior that does not stay true to high reliability concepts.

Continuing education credits will be awarded.

HRO Fair and Just Accountability
Monday, December 15, 2014
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Event Registration

This is a session for Human Resources Executives and anyone else who manages people. Fair and Just Accountability trains staff to review performance from a standardized perspective when there is an adverse event, focusing on the behavior rather than the outcome.

Continuing education credits will be awarded.

HRO Ambulatory Kickoff
Tuesday, December 16, 2014
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Event Registration

As hospitals, to sustain our implementation of High Reliability, we need participation by our partners who take care of patients. High Reliability needs to be utilized at every point in the care continuum. Join us for this session to help us kick off the curriculum for ambulatory practices and long-term care. This session is open to High Reliability Level 2 and Level 3 hospitals and other PSO members.

Continuing education credits will be awarded.

Changes in CPT/HCPCS for 2015
Wednesday, December 17, 2014
9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
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CPT and HCPCS codes are the primary codes that describe individual hospital services that are billed to all payers. These code sets go through annual revisions with codes that are added, deleted, or revised. This workshop will focus on the 266 new, 129 revised, and 147 deleted codes—including major changes by body system (significant changes to Lower GI coding), sweeping changes in Lab coding (many of which Medicare may not accept), and revisions to coding guidelines.

Continuing education credits will be awarded. Please see the brochure for details.

OPPS Final Rule for 2015
Wednesday, December 17, 2014
1:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
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The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will publish the Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) Final Rule for 2015 on or around November 1, 2014. The 2015 OPPS Proposed Rule contained implementation of comprehensive APCs and removal of device edits, a dramatic increase to the number of packaged services, and APC changes and payment rates. This workshop will cover how these changes impact hospital reimbursement and billing compliance.

Continuing education credits will be awarded. Please see the brochure for details.