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## NORTHWEST MISSOURI HOSPITAL LEADERS DISCUSS POLICY AGENDA WITH CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Representatives from northwest Missouri hospitals and the Missouri Hospital Association traveled to Washington, D.C., last week to meet with Missouri’s congressional delegation and share their views on health care issues.

In their meetings with lawmakers, the hospital leaders thanked Missouri’s congressional delegation for their work on federal health reform, discussed the importance of further congressional action on budget assistance to the states and urged resolution on pending Medicare cuts to physician pay.

“Health care reform has been a central issue for Congress for more than a year,” said Herb B. Kuhn, MHA president and CEO. “Missouri’s congressional delegation has done an outstanding job of responding to the challenges that hospitals face.”

Hospital leaders representing northwest Missouri included Myra L. Evans, administrator of Community Hospital – Fairfax; Dirck Clark, chief development officer, and Mark Laney, M.D., president and CEO, of Heartland Health in St. Joseph, Mo.; David Carpenter, president and CEO of North Kansas City Hospital; and Donald L. Sipes, FACHE, vice president of regional services of Saint Luke’s Health System in Kansas City, Mo., and CEO of Saint Luke’s Northland Hospital - Smithville Campus.

The delegation of 24 hospital representatives was organized by MHA and comprised of hospital and health system executives and trustees.

The Missouri Hospital Association is a not-for-profit membership association in Jefferson City that represents 153 Missouri hospitals. In addition to representation and advocacy on behalf of its membership, the association offers continuing education programs on current health care topics and seeks to educate the public, as well as legislative representatives, about health care issues. Information about MHA programs and services is available online at [www.mhanet.com](http://www.mhanet.com).

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