

KHA's Capitol Comments January 16, 2024

KHA Advocacy Day

Today, Jan. 16, the Kansas Hospital Association hosted the annual Advocacy Day. Members were joined by the 2023 Advocacy All Stars to advocate for hospital needs across the state.

Those attending went to the statehouse for lunch with the legislators to talk about hospital needs with an emphasis on hospital viability, workforce and providing care to patients.

Thanks to those who attended. If you are interested in sharing more about policy issues impacting your hospitals, please share the following documents:

- 2024 State Advocacy Issues
- Hospital Finance Handout
- Prior Authorization Handout

The KHA has calls to action available on many hospital priority issues that you can use to personalize and connect with your policymakers now by visiting the KHA <u>Grassroots</u> - VoterVoice web page.

Tax Conference Committee Sends Bill Along to for Vote

Today, the House and Senate Tax Committee leadership met to finalize a compromise on a bill carried over from last year. The compromise, now housed in House Bill 2284, includes many of the components of the 2023 bill. The compromise also Includes a 5.25 percent single bracket, increases the standard deduction, exempts social security taxes and reduces residential property taxes to the state to those making under \$100,000. The bill is likely to go before the House and Senate next week for an up or down vote.