

## **Media Statement**

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## KHA Statement on COVID Relief Package and Government Funding Bill

(Dec. 30, 2020) – The Kansas Hospital Association appreciates the continued support from Congress as the COVID-19 pandemic enters its second year. This legislation is welcome news for patients, families and hospitals providing essential services to Kansas communities.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act President Trump signed into law on Sunday includes another round of COVID-19 relief funding, along with a variety of other provisions. The final bill also included a Kansas Hospital Association priority on a new delivery model for rural hospitals, the Rural Emergency Hospital, which is very close to the Primary Health Center concept KHA has been hoping to test. KHA will host a media briefing on the work being done in Kansas on Jan. 7, 2021.

Thank you to the Kansas Congressional Delegation for supporting this legislation. A full summary of the legislation is <u>online</u>. KHA also <u>highlighted</u> the legislation for Kansas hospitals.

The Kansas Hospital Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization existing to be the leading advocate and resource for members. KHA membership includes 219 member facilities, of which 122 are full-service, community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA's vision is: "Optimal Health for Kansans."