



# Legislative Newsletter

*Keeping members informed on federal & state legislative priorities.*

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Dear Members,

The 2022 NH legislative session has been in full swing since early January, with a lot of energy around multiple bills. Both the House and the Senate have been busy dealing with many hearings on a variety of bills during the last three months. This year's legislative session has been marked by a significant polarization between those advocating for greater individual liberty and those focused on supporting the greater public health. We've seen this most notably in the debates surrounding the nearly 50 bills that were introduced to deal with COVID-related issues... from vaccines to masks and other public health mitigation measures, vaccine registries and so much more. We thank all of you who have been willing to reach out to your legislators to discuss these bills and share your perspective on why many of these bills are so problematic. Your advocacy is so important to our efforts.

The Governor gave his State of State address on February 17, 2022. This was his opportunity to lay out his administration's legislative and regulatory priorities for the year.

While NHHA has been following many bills of interest to our members, the priority focus areas this year has been on the extraordinary number of vaccine-related bills. NHHA was instrumental in establishing the Healthy 603 Coalition, which includes over 50 organizations that represent businesses, health care and non-profits that have a shared interest in working to defeat the vaccine-related bills that do not support public health and that do not allow for businesses to determine for themselves what vaccine requirements are best for their organization. In addition, we have been working on workplace safety, reimbursement improvements to Medicaid labor/delivery services and streamlining the professional licensing and criminal background check process.

All of the bills that NHHA is following can be found on our web site [here](#) which includes links to bill language, the prime sponsor, hearing dates/times and the status of the bill.

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# State Update

## 2022 New Hampshire Legislation

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### RECENT LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

Listed below are bills of particular importance to hospitals and health systems this year. NHHA is following many more bills, which will be included in future updates of the NHHA Legislative Newsletter.

### HEALTHY 603 COALITION PRIORITY BILLS - VACCINE-RELATED BILLS

***HB 1003, prohibiting health care providers from refusing to provide care or services based on patient vaccination status.***

This bill provides that a patient shall not be denied admission, care, or services based solely on the patient's vaccination status. NHHA **testified** in strong opposition to the bill when it was heard in the House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs committee on February 1, 2022. The bill was ultimately amended by the committee and was passed by the full House. The bill was heard in Senate Health and Human Services this week. NHHA **remains opposed** to the bill, as amended, as it is not necessary as hospitals do not refuse to provide care or services based on the patient's vaccination status.

**NHHA Position: Oppose**

***HB 1022, permitting pharmacists to dispense the drug ivermectin by means of a standing order.***

HB 1022 would allow pharmacists to dispense ivermectin pursuant to a standing order entered into by licensed health care providers. NHHA **testified** in strong opposition to the bill when it was heard in House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs committee on January 18, 2022. The bill was ultimately passed by the full House and has crossed over to the Senate. The bill has been assigned to the Senate Health and Human Services committee and will be heard in the coming weeks.

**NHHA Position: Oppose**

***HB 1089, relative to the unenforceability of noncompete agreements upon termination of an employee for noncompliance with a medical intervention mandate.***

HB 1089 provides that a noncompete agreement between an employer and an employee who is terminated for refusing to comply with an employer-mandated medical intervention shall be unenforceable against such employee. While NHHA did not weigh in on this bill since it does not impact hospitals, other stakeholders are very concerned with the bill and have testified in opposition to the bill. There are some technical issues with the bill as well. The bill was heard in the House

Labor committee on January 13, 2022. The bill was amended in the committee and ultimately was passed by the full House. The bill has crossed over to the Senate and has been assigned to the Senate Commerce committee. A hearing will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

**NHHA Position: Neutral**

**HB 1131, relative to facial covering policies for schools.**

HB 1131 prohibits school boards and other public education agencies from adopting, enforcing, or implementing a policy that requires students or members of the public to wear a facial covering. While NHHA did not testify on this bill, other stakeholders did and raised concerns with the bill when it was heard in the House Education committee on February 25, 2022. The bill was ultimately passed by the full House, and it has crossed over to the Senate. It has been assigned to the Senate Health and Human Services committee and it will be scheduled for a hearing in the coming weeks.

**NHHA Position: Oppose**

**HB 1210, relative to exemptions from vaccine mandates.**

HB 1210 requires public employers, private employers, and postsecondary education institutions that receive public funds and mandate a vaccination or other inoculation procedure to accept an employee's or student's request for a medical, religious, or right of conscience exemption. NHHA testified in opposition to the bill, as introduced. In addition, NHHA also testified against the amendment, during the work session. The amended bill ultimately did pass the full House and now is crossing over to the Senate. NHHA and other stakeholders will continue to oppose the bill and work with the Senate to hopefully get an Inexpedient to Legislate (ITL) vote from the full Senate to kill the bill.

**NHHA Position: Oppose**

**HB 1241, prohibiting a school district from mandating a COVID-19 vaccination for school attendance.**

HB 1241 prohibits school districts from mandating that students have a COVID-19 vaccination in order to attend school. While NHHA did not testify on this bill, other stakeholders did and raised concerns with the bill when it was heard in the House Education committee on February 8, 2022. The bill was ultimately passed by the full House, and it has crossed over to the Senate. It has been assigned to the Senate Health and Human Services committee and it will be scheduled for a hearing in the coming weeks.

**NHHA Position: Oppose**

**HB 1379, relative to the department of health and human services' rulemaking authority regarding immunization requirements.**

HB 1379 limits immunization requirements to those diseases identified in statute. The bill also provides the commissioner of health and human services with limited authority to include an additional immunization requirement with the approval of the oversight committee on health and human services. This bill is very concerning to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). While the bill was amended by the House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs committee, it continues to be of concern for DHHS. The bill narrowly passed the full House and has crossed over to the Senate and will be heard in the Senate Health and Human

Services committee in the coming weeks.

**NHHA Position: Oppose**

**HB 1439, relative to hospital visitation policies.**

HB 1439 allows, with limited exception, a patient to designate a parent, spouse, family member, or other caregiver to be present while the patient receives hospital care. NHHA testified in opposition to the bill when it was heard in House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs committee on January 24, 2022. There were a number of work sessions on the bill, which NHHA participated in. While the bill was amended slightly, we remain concerned with the bill because it limits the flexibility necessary for hospitals to set visitation policies in order to protect the health and safety of their patients, staff and community. It passed the full House recently and has crossed over to the Senate and will be heard in the Senate Health and Human Services committee in the coming weeks. We will continue to work with the Senate to amend the bill to address our ongoing concerns.

**NHHA Position: Oppose**

**HB 1455, relative to state enforcement of federal vaccination mandates.**

HB 1455 prohibits state enforcement of any federal law, order, or rule that requires an individual, as a condition of employment or any other activity, to provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or to submit more than once per month to COVID-19 testing. NHHA testified in opposition to the bill when it was heard in the House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs committee on January 25, 2022. The House ultimately passed the bill, and it has crossed over to the Senate and will be heard by the Senate Health and Human Services committee in the coming weeks. We will continue to work with the Senate to amend the bill to address our concerns.

**NHHA Position: Oppose**

**HB 1604, including state medical facilities in the statute providing medical freedom in immunizations.**

HB 1604 requires state hospitals and medical facilities that institute a vaccination requirement to grant an exemption on medical or religious grounds or as a matter of conscience. While the bill does not directly impact private hospitals and nursing homes, it is a very problematic bill for our state institutions and county nursing homes. The bill was heard in House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs committee on February 1, 2022. The bill passed the full House and then was assigned to the House Finance committee, where it has been amended. The amended version remains problematic for the state institutions and county nursing homes. It will be voted on by the full House in the next week and then will cross over to the Senate, where further work to address stakeholder concerns will need to be done.

**NHHA Position: Oppose**

**HB 1606, making the state vaccine registry an opt-in program.**

HB 1606 states that each patient, or the patient's parent or guardian if the patient is a minor, shall be given the opportunity to opt-out or opt-in to the immunization registry for each administered vaccine. NHHA testified in opposition to the bill when it was heard in the House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs committee on February 15, 2022. The bill ultimately was amended in the committee

and will be heard in the Senate Health and Human Services committee in the coming weeks. NHHA and the stakeholders will continue to work with the Senate to amend the bill to address the concerns we have.

**NHHA Position: Oppose**

**SB 288, prohibiting the requiring of COVID-19 vaccinations for schools or childcare agencies.**

SB 288, as introduced, prohibits the requiring of an immunization for COVID-19 for a child admitted or enrolled in any school or childcare agency. The bill was heard in Senate Health and Human Services committee in early January 2022. NHHA **testified** in opposition to the bill. There was a lot of opposition by other stakeholders as well. Ultimately the bill was amended to establish a study committee to study the listing of immunizations for children. DHHS and other public health stakeholders are supportive of this approach. The bill will be voted on by the full Senate before the end of the month and then will cross over to the House.

**NHHA Position: Support as amended**

## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

**HB 1622, relative to notice that a health care provider is no longer accepting new patients and relative to mental health parity.**

HB 1622 requires contracts between health care providers and carriers to include a provision that the provider notify the carrier when the provider is no longer accepting new patients. The bill also requires coverage for biologically based mental illness to meet the access standards in RSA 420- J:7. The bill was amended extensively in the House. The current bill has a section that is of concern to NHHA. The requirement that providers notify the carrier within 30 days of no longer accepting new patients is burdensome and unworkable. We will work with stakeholders to address the concerns when the bill crosses over to the Senate. Currently the bill is in the House and will be voted on by the full House before the end of the month.

**NHHA Position: Oppose as amended**

## **HEALTH CARE ACCESS**

**HB 1390, relative to access to language translation services in telemedicine.**

HB 1390 requires language access services for limited-English proficient speakers and deaf or hard of hearing individuals when healthcare services are provided through telemedicine. The bill was amended by both the House and Senate. The amendment that passed the Senate committee is acceptable to NHHA and the bill now will be voted on by the full Senate and then the House will need to decide if they accept the bill, as amended, by the Senate or if the bill will need to be further amended, via a committee of conference.

**NHHA Position: Support as amended**

**SB 390, relative to telemedicine and telehealth.**

This bill revises the definition of telemedicine and telehealth in the context of the practitioner patient relationship. NHHA did **testify** on the bill and initially had concerns with the bill due to the changes it makes to the requirement for a face-to-face exam prior to utilizing telemedicine. However, the amended bill addressed the concerns we raised, and the bill passed the full Senate and has crossed over to the House and has been assigned to the House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs committee.

**NHHA Position: Neutral as amended**

## HEALTH CARE INFORMATION/PRIVACY

**HB 1662, related to privacy obligations of the department of health and human services.**

HB 1662 establishes a data privacy and information technology security governance board within the Department of Health and Human Services to oversee data privacy risk calculation and risk mitigation efforts, as well as provides for 2 employees within the department to accomplish these objectives. The original bill, as introduced, was problematic and NHHA **testified** in opposition to the bill. However, the bill was amended in the House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee and the section that NHHA was opposed to was removed from the bill. The bill has passed the full House and was voted ought to pass by the House Finance committee this week. The bill will be voted on by the full House again and then will cross over to the Senate in the coming weeks.

**NHHA Position: Neutral as amended**

**SB 311, relative to access to drivers' license information for healthcare and motor vehicle related business purposes.**

SB 311 permits motor vehicle related businesses and health care providers to obtain personal information from driver's licenses or nondriver's identification cards with the consent of the license holder, provided that the businesses meet certain restrictions regarding the collection, retention, and use of such information. NHHA requested this bill be introduced to address a concern raised by our members relative to the inability to scan drivers licenses to assist in fraud detection. NHHA **testified** in support of the bill when it was heard in Senate Transportation committee on January 25, 2022. Ultimately the bill was passed with an amendment by the full Senate in mid-March and it has crossed over to the House and has been assigned to the House Transportation Committee.

**NHHA Position: Support**

## HEALTH INSURANCE/OTHER INSURANCE

**SB 287, relative to balance billing for certain health care services.**

This bill modifies insurance coverage to reflect changes in federal law and clarifies coverage related to emergency services. The bill was heard in Senate Health and Human Services Committee on February 2, 2022. NHHA **testified** that we had some concerns about the bill, as introduced, and asked to work with the NH Insurance Department (NHID) on a potential amendment. Stakeholders held several meetings with NHID to try and reach a compromise. The final amendment that was passed out of the committee includes only the parts of the bill that everyone could

agree on. The bill will be voted on by the full Senate before the end of March and then will cross over to the House and be assigned to the House Commerce Committee.

***NHHA Position: Support as amended***

***SB 320, relative to health care provider contract standards.***

SB 320 modifies provider contract standards for purposes of the managed care law. The bill was requested by NHHA to address ongoing concerns our members have had with insurance carriers relative to changes they make to the member's benefit plans that materially impact the economic terms of the provider contract. NHHA **testified** in strong support of the bill when it was heard in Senate Health and Human Services committee on February 9, 2022. Ultimately, due in large part to the significant pushback from the carriers, the committee decided to send the bill to Interim Study. Ultimately, the full Senate voted to table the bill, which is where the bill currently sits.

***NHHA Position: Support***

## **LICENSING/CERTIFICATION**

***HB 1044, relative to direct payment and membership-based health care facilities.***

HB 1044 exempts facilities operating with membership-based or direct payment business models from certain special licensing provisions. NHHA **testified** in opposition to this bill when it was heard in House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs committee on January 25, 2022. The bill is very problematic and allows health care facilities to bypass the requirement of treating all patients, regardless of their ability to pay. The bill was amended by the House committee and ultimately passed by the full House to include "membership-based business models". The bill has crossed over to the Senate and is scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Health and Human Services on March 30, 2022.

***NHHA Position: Oppose***

***HB 1330, repealing the board of medical technicians in the office of professional licensure and certification.***

HB 1330 repeals the requirements for the certification and regulation of medical technicians by the office of professional licensure and certification. The original bill, as introduced, would have made board of registration of medical technicians an advisory board within the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification. However, the bill was amended extensively in the House Executive Departments and Administration committee and the bill, if passed, would repeal the board. NHHA has concerns with repealing the board entirely as the registration of medical technicians is a tool the state has to protect the public and health care facilities. The bill, as amended, passed the full House, and has crossed over the Senate and is scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Executive Departments and Administration committee on March 30, 2022.

***NHHA Position: Oppose as amended***

***SB 228, relative to the regulation and practice of physician assistants.***

SB 228 modifies the regulation of physician assistants. This bill, as amended, modifies the regulation of physician assistants, and requires physician assistants to

provide patient services in collaboration with one or more New Hampshire licensed physicians who are in a similar area of medicine as the physician assistant. Additionally, this bill requires that practicing physician assistants shall maintain adequate professional liability insurance coverage. The bill was heard in the Senate Executive Departments and Administration committee on January 27, 2022. The committee amended the bill, based on feedback from stakeholders and the amended bill passed the full Senate in mid-March and has crossed over to the House and has been assigned to the House Executive Departments and Administration committee. A hearing will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

**NHHA Position: Support as amended**

**SB 277, relative to emergency or temporary health care licenses.**

SB 277 extends the expiration date for the emergency professional licensing process, the licensing of out-of-state pharmacies as temporary mail-order facilities, and the emergency or temporary licensing of health care workers enacted in SB155-FN (2021) and extends the repeal dates of those provisions. The bill was heard in Senate Finance and passed the committee and full Senate in early February and has crossed over to the House and been assigned to the House Executive Departments and Administration.

**NHHA Position: Support**

**SB 330, establishing a committee to study and make recommendations relative to the office of professional licensure and certification and the licensure of professions under boards, councils, and commissions within the office; relative to the boxing and wrestling commission; and relative to the expiration of terms of the board of foresters' members.**

SB 330 establishes a committee to study and make recommendations relative to the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, and the licensure of professions under boards, councils, and commissions within the office. The bill was heard in the Senate Executive Departments and Administration and was amended by the committee to address concerns of the agency as well as stakeholders. The bill was passed by the full Senate and has crossed over to the House and will be heard in the House Executive Departments and Administration committee in the coming weeks.

**NHHA Position: Support as amended**

**SB 382, relative to licensure requirements for telehealth services.**

SB 382 clarifies licensure requirements for healthcare professionals providing services by means of telemedicine or telehealth. This bill is a small but important change that requires professionals licensed in other states to be licensed in New Hampshire while providing remote telehealth to patients in New Hampshire. This allows local NH boards to maintain control over the licensure process and ensure that all professional standards are met. The bill was heard in the Senate Executive Departments and Administration and was supported by the full committee. The bill will be voted on by the full Senate before the end of the month and then will cross over to the House in the coming weeks.

**NHHA Position: Support**

## **MEDICAID**



**HB 103, establishing a dental benefit under the state Medicaid program.**

HB 103 requires the commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services to solicit information and to contract with dental managed care organizations to provide dental care to persons under the Medicaid managed care program. HB 103 is a carryover bill from 2021 that was retained in House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs committee and worked on further this session. It is a similar bill to the Senate companion bill, see SB 422 below. There are some differences between the two bills, to include the appropriation and HB 103 has a more limited scope of benefit coverage. The bill was passed by the House committee and then the full House and then House Finance. The bill has crossed over to the Senate and has been assigned to the Senate Health and Human Services committee with a hearing scheduled for March 30, 2022. This bill and SB 422 will be reconciled at some point during the legislative session.

**NHHA Position: Support**

**SB 422, establishing an adult dental benefit under the state Medicaid program.**

SB 422 requires the commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services to solicit information and to contract with dental managed care organizations to provide dental care to persons under the Medicaid managed care program. The bill also appropriates the settlement funds received by the state from its settlement with the Centene Corporation to the Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of funding the non-federal share of the adult dental benefit program and to complete the Medicaid Care Management SFY 20 Risk Corridor calculation. The bill was heard in Senate Health and Human Services committee on February 16, 2022, and was passed by the full Senate and then by Senate Finance. The bill has crossed over to the House and has been assigned to House Finance.

**NHHA Position: Support**

**SB 401, (New Title) relative to Medicaid reimbursement rates for hospital birthing services; relative to an impact study of birthing service closures on rural communities; and establishing a committee to study actions necessary for preserving access to labor and delivery services in rural New Hampshire communities.**

SB 401 increases the Medicaid reimbursement rate for hospital birthing services; directs the commissioner of business and economic affairs to secure funding for an impact study of birthing service closures on rural communities; and establishes a commission to study the actions necessary for preserving access to labor and delivery services in rural New Hampshire communities. The bill was heard in Senate Health and Human Services committee on January 26, 2022 and NHHA **testified** in strong support of the bill, as did a couple of our hospital members. The bill was amended to add the commission, which NHHA also supports. The bill passed the committee and full Senate and is currently being considered in Senate Finance.

**NHHA Position: Support**

## **PUBLIC HEALTH/HEALTH PROMOTION**

**SB 419, (New Title) establishing a commission to study the delivery of public health services in New Hampshire through regional public health networks.**

SB 419 establishes a commission to study the delivery of public health services in New Hampshire through regional public health networks and continued development of coordinated responses to public health incidents and emergencies in New Hampshire. The bill passed the Senate and now heads to the House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs committee for a hearing.

**NHHA Position: Support**

## WORKFORCE

**HB 1659, relative to criminal history background checks for certain health care workers.**

HB 1659 establishes the provision for temporary employment in a residential care facility or as a licensed nursing assistant by persons awaiting the results of a criminal history background check. The bill was heard in the House Health and Human Services and Elderly Affairs committee on January 24, 2022 and NHHA **testified** in support. This bill was amended initially by the sponsor to include the section on criminal background checks that will streamline the process for hospitals and health care facilities. The full House passed the bill and it had a **hearing** in the Senate Health and Human Services committee on March 16, 2022. The committee has not acted on the bill yet but there was no opposition to the bill raised during the hearing.

**NHHA Position: Support**

**SB 459, relative to a health care facility workplace violence prevention program.**

SB 459 requires health care facilities to implement and maintain workplace violence prevention programs and establishes the health care workplace safety commission. This bill also permits law enforcement to arrest an individual without a warrant in certain circumstances related to health care workplaces. NHHA **testified** in Senate Health and Human Services on March 9, 2022 that we are in strong support of the bill. The bill was amended slightly but we continue to be in support of the bill. SB 459 is a result of months of work by the Study Committee on Workplace Safety that NHHA and FHC participated in as well as other stakeholders. The end result is a bill that all parties support. The bill passed Senate Finance committee on March 22, 2022, and now goes back to the full Senate for a final vote before the end of March and then will cross over to the House and be assigned to a committee and a hearing will be scheduled.

**NHHA Position: Support**



## Federal Update

**Omnibus Spending Package Signed by President Biden**

A \$1.5 trillion omnibus spending package was signed by President Biden on 3/11/22 which funds the federal government through the end of the current federal fiscal year – 9/30/22. The package also includes certain telehealth, maternal health, Medicaid and other provisions beneficial to hospitals and health systems. Unfortunately, COVID-19 preparedness funding was stripped from this package to ensure that the omnibus package would pass both the House and the Senate.

Following the passage of the omnibus spending package, the White House laid out consequences if Congress fails to fund COVID-19 response including insufficient funds to secure COVID-19 vaccine boosters and variant-specific vaccines for all Americans; reimburse providers to test, treat and vaccinate the uninsured; provide monoclonal antibody therapies to states; or sustain testing capacity, among other actions.

### **AHA Sent Letter to Congressional Leadership to Express Current COVID-19 Needs**

On 3/23/22, the American Hospital Association sent a [letter](#) to Congress highlighting the current needs of hospitals and health systems across the country as they continue to care for COVID-19 patients and prepare for possible new surges. In this letter AHA asks Congress for resources including:

- Additional PRF support
- Medicare Sequester Relief
- Accelerated and Advance Payments Relief
- COVID-19 Waiver Flexibilities

AHA emphasized “while the nation remains weary and is eager to move past this pandemic, the virus continues to evolve and pose a threat to our nation’s health care system. The recent surge of cases and hospitalizations abroad fueled by the Omicron variant known as BA.2 serves as a critical warning: The battle is not over, and hospitals and health systems continue to need resources and flexibilities to care for patients and protect communities.”

### **Senate Bill to Strengthen Emergency Medical Preparedness Passed the Senate HELP Committee**

The Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions committee voted 20-2 to advance, as amended, the PREVENT Pandemics Act (S. 3799), bipartisan legislation to strengthen the nation’s public health and medical preparedness and response systems in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The bill builds on a discussion draft of the legislation and, among other issues, includes provisions that would establish a White House office to oversee pandemic preparedness and response; modernize and strengthen the medical supply chain; improve the safety and security and address foreign influence in biomedical research; bolster public health and allied health workforces; strengthen blood supply collaboration; reauthorize two grant programs to improve trauma care, including in rural areas; and update the ability of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention director to appoint and review the agency’s leadership.

### **American Hospital Association Annual Meeting April 24-26, 2022 – Washington, DC**

[Join](#) your colleagues in Washington, DC for AHA’s Annual Meeting to learn the latest in advocacy, regulatory and legislative issues impacting hospitals, patients and communities. This in-person event is an opportunity to meet others healthcare leaders from around the country as well as meet with our congressional delegation members. Please contact Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg, Executive Vice President, with

any questions at [kbizarro@nhha.org](mailto:kbizarro@nhha.org).

### Support for Ukraine

The U.S. Ukraine Foundation is a 30-year-old organization that supports the people of Ukraine in their quest for freedom, democracy, a free-market economy and human rights. The U.S. Ukraine Foundation has established a fund to provide financial support for humanitarian efforts, including covering the costs of sending medical supplies to Ukraine. The fund also supports refugees through the Kyiv Rotary Refugee Initiative. The AHA has made a donation to the U.S. Ukraine Foundation to support its critical humanitarian and refugee assistance.

In addition, the U.S. Ukraine Foundation is coordinating the distribution of donated medical supplies through its operation “Ukraine AirLIFT.” If you are interested in donating medical supplies, please contact the AFYA Foundation, which is partnering with the U.S. Ukraine Foundation on this effort. Please see the **lists of supplies** and **medicines** that are urgently needed for hospitals in Ukraine.

The U.S. Ukraine Foundation has a list of other charitable organizations including the UN Refugee Agency and Voices for Children, along with other organizations that are assisting the citizens and refugees of Ukraine. For more information, please contact Nadia McConnell, president of the U.S. Ukraine Foundation, at [nadia@usukraine.org](mailto:nadia@usukraine.org) or 202-468-6614.

The AHA has made a donation to the U.S. Ukraine Foundation to support its critical humanitarian assistance to Ukraine. View the recent AHA Special Bulletin for more details on the effort.

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