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TipSheet, an e-mail for media representatives, providing information on health care trends and hospital activities and upcoming health observance dates.

Attached is a news release detailing a study that found that 194,000 hospital jobs could be lost if the Congressional Joint Select Committee fails to come to a compromise on spending cuts and a sequestration occurs. The Medicare program would be subject to a two percent cut that translates to a projected loss of approximately \$41 billion over the next 10 years for hospitals, according to Tripp Umbach, the organization commissioned by the American Hospital Association to do the study. The company stated that by 2021, this could lead to a job loss of more than 194,000. For more details, click on attachment listed below.

Here are some facts on the jobs provided by Alabama's hospitals:

As of 2009 (the latest data available from the American Hospital Association), Alabama's hospitals employed 81,491 individuals. This includes full- and part-time employees.

If you look at the other non-hospital jobs created as a result of the hospital's presence in the community (jobs in doctor's offices, dialysis clinics, medical supply companies, etc.), it's estimated that there are another 79,518 jobs created statewide.

Alabama's hospitals provide a wide range of jobs, from non-skilled jobs to many highly-skilled. These jobs result in an annual payroll of \$4.1 billion statewide (includes salaries and benefits). If you count the additional impact of the other non-hospital jobs that are created, that number rises to an estimated \$6.8 billion annually.

Again, this information comes from the American Hospital Association's 2009 database. The economic impact multipliers used come from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

To assess the economic impact of your local hospital, give them a call.

October

Month-long Observances

Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Celiac Disease Awareness Month, Chiropractic Month, Dental Hygiene Month, Disability Employment Awareness Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Down Syndrome Awareness Month, Eye Injury Prevention Month, Family Sexuality Education Month, Halloween Safety Month, Health Literacy Month, Healthy Lung Month, Liver Awareness Month, Medical Librarians Month, Medical Ultrasound Awareness Month, Pharmacists Month, Physical Therapy Month, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), Pregnancy, and Infant Loss Awareness Month, Talk About Prescriptions Month

Other Health Observances

2-8	Gerontological Nurses Week
2-8	Healthcare Resource and Materials Management Week
2-8	Mental Illness Awareness Week
2-8	Nuclear Medicine Week

3-7	Midwifery Week
3	Child Health Day
5	Rudolph Virchow's Birthday (1821-1902)
6-12	Physician Assistants Week
6	Bipolar Disorder Awareness Day
6	Depression Screening Day®
9-15	Fire Prevention Week
9-15	Pediatric Nurses Week
10	Mental Health Day (World)
9-15	Case Management Week
9-15	Healthcare Central Service and Sterile Processing Week
10-16	Emergency Nurses Week
11-15	Dialysis Technician Recognition Week
13	Sight Day (World)
13	Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day
12	Stop America's Violence Everywhere (SAVE) Today
16	Food Day (World)
16-22	Hospital and Health-System Pharmacy Week
16-22	Infection Prevention Week
16-22	Kids Care Week
17-23	Healthcare Quality Week
17-21	Medical Assistants Week
17-21	School Bus Safety Week
21	Mammography Day
22	Stuttering Awareness Day
23-31	Red Ribbon Week
23	Make a Difference Day
23-29	Healthcare Facilities and Engineering Week
23-29	Pastoral Care Week
23-29	Respiratory Care Week
26	Lung Health Day
29	Psoriasis Day
31-Nov. 6	Medical Staff Services Awareness Week