

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

**Support Childhood Cancer Patients Through Funding for Children's
Hospitals Graduate Medical Education (CHGME)**

July 8, 2011

Dear Pediatric Cancer Caucus Member:

We encourage you to join us in co-sponsoring H.R. 1852, "The Children's Hospital GME Support Reauthorization Act of 2011."

The Children's Hospital Graduate Medical Education (CHGME) program provides freestanding children's hospitals with federal GME funding to support pediatric medical training and research activities. Over the past decade, CHGME has successfully expanded and improved the delivery of pediatric health care across the nation.

The CHGME program is critical to our mission to eradicate pediatric cancer, providing the funds to train more than half of all pediatric oncologists - nearly 60%. In fact, the program trains more than half of many pediatric specialists, including 65% of pediatric surgeons and 100% of pediatricians specializing in neurodevelopmental disabilities. Overall, the 56 freestanding children's hospitals that receive CHGME train 40 percent of all general pediatric residents and 43 percent of all pediatric specialty residents.

Since its enactment in 1999, the CHGME program has proven to be a remarkable success, attracting wide bicameral and bipartisan support. H.R. 1852 would extend the CHGME program for an additional five years, from FY 2012 through FY 2016, at its current authorization level of \$330 million.

We hope that you will join us in co-sponsoring this vital legislation. For more information, or to co-sponsor, please contact Monica Volante with Rep. Joseph R. Pitts' staff at 225-2411 or Tiffany Guarascio with Rep. Frank Pallone's staff at 225-4671.

Sincerely,



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Hospitals Receiving CHGME Funding, 2010

