



## **Executive Vice President, Advocacy and Political Affairs**

### **Jeff E. Cohen**



Mr. Cohen is the chief lobbyist for the investor-owned hospital industry, reporting to FAH President Chip Kahn, and manages the FAH's lobbying and advocacy activities. He represents the FAH on all legislative issues both on Capitol Hill and with the Administration. In this capacity, he has played a leading role in promoting expanded access and health care coverage, led successful efforts to preserve funding for hospital care for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries, secured the self-referral moratorium on physician-owned specialty hospitals in the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, helped attain payment improvements to post-acute providers, secured enactment of Puerto Rico prospective payment system equity, and attained nearly \$10 billion to help rural hospitals care for Medicare beneficiaries.

Prior to joining the FAH in December 1999, Mr. Cohen served as Senior Legislative Assistant to former Rep. Karen L. Thurman (D-FL), a member of the House Ways and Means Committee and its Subcommittee on Health. From 1995-1999, he advised Rep. Thurman on health policy matters addressed by the Subcommittee, specializing in Medicare access and payment issues. While on Capitol Hill, he drafted legislation to expand access to Medicare+Choice health plans, provide incentives to increase organ donations, reduce fraud in the Medicare program, and provide Medicare prescription drug coverage for organ transplant recipients. Mr. Cohen also worked extensively on veterans and military retiree health care issues, including co-authoring landmark legislation reallocating veterans' program funding, and drafting legislation authorizing the National Mail Order Pharmacy program for Medicare beneficiaries.

Mr. Cohen has been recognized by *The Hill* newspaper as one of the "top lobbyists" with the hospital industry. He received a Masters of Arts degree in Latin American studies from the University of Florida and a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Trinity University. He has studied and worked extensively in Mexico, focusing on both marine mammal biology and U.S.-Mexican political relations.