



2020

ASHA ADVOCACY: A YEAR IN REVIEW

SUPPORTING ASHA MEMBERS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



Developed **state-by-state COVID-19 tracking resources** for telehealth laws and regulations during the public health emergency (PHE)



Created **49** practical tools and resources



Responded to over **10,000** questions

ADVOCACY

GRASSROOTS



90,124
MESSAGES

Facilitated **90,124 messages** sent to elected officials (federal and state) by **24,790 ASHA advocates**

POLITICAL



98%
RE-ELECTION

98% of ASHA-PAC supported candidates won **re-election** and will return in 2021 to help champion ASHA's public policy priorities

EXPANDING TELEPRACTICE COVERAGE



Expanded Access To

180
MILLION PEOPLE

- Worked with Congress and CMS to have Medicare **cover key audiology and speech-language pathology services covered via telepractice** during the pandemic
- Worked successfully
 - with **state Medicaid programs** to expand coverage in all 50 states, plus DC and U.S. territories
 - to **expand coverage by 36** major private **health plans**

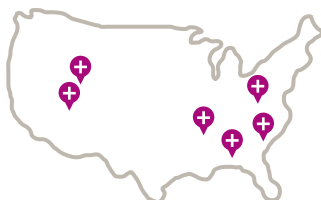
DEFENDING ACCESS, COVERAGE, AND PAYMENT UNDER MEDICARE



8
NEW CODES
(7 new AUD & 1 new PPE)

- Launched the **"Fight the Cut"** campaign to help stop 2021 Medicare payment cuts
- Created **7 new audiology CPT codes** and **1 new code for PPE**
- Engaged leadership in skilled nursing facilities and the home health industry to address concerns with payment models (PDPM, PDGM) implemented that negatively impact patients and ASHA members.

PROMOTING THE AUDIOLOGY & SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE COMPACT (ASLP-IC)



6 STATES
ADDED

Worked with state associations to support passage of the ASLP-IC in 6 states: **Louisiana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming**



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