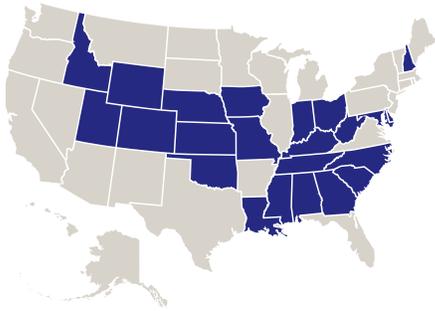


2022

ASHA ADVOCACY: A year in review

INTERSTATE COMPACT (ASLP-IC)



8 STATES ADDED
Increasing the total to 23 states

Delaware, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi, Missouri, South Carolina and Tennessee

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES

- Developed model legislation to address collaboration between music therapists and SLPs
- Expanded advocacy in disability determinations by successfully nominating an audiologist to the AMA Guides Editorial Panel
- Conducted a member survey on the impact of telehealth coverage and payment reductions for future advocacy efforts

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TELEPRACTICE COVERAGE

- Audiologists and SLPs are able to provide telehealth services under Medicare through Dec. 31, 2024
- Added 13 key audiology and SLP services to the AMA's list of CPT codes for telepractice billing
- New telepractice rules in more than 35 states incorporate audiologists' and SLPs' full scope of practice



DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION

- The Allied Health Workforce Diversity Act key provision was signed into law requiring federal resources to provide opportunities for and expand the diversity of future audiologists and SLPs
- Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act was signed into law to renew federal support for state-based hearing screening programs and require GAO to research access to timely hearing screening and intervention services for underserved populations

ADVOCACY OUTREACH

115 LETTERS

Prepared and submitted 115 advocacy letters in 2022 to federal and state policymakers

FEDERAL FUNDING

Succeeded in securing increased FY 2023 appropriations funding including an additional:

\$1 BILLION

for IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)

\$1 MILLION

for EHDI (Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act)

\$19.5 MILLION

for NIDCD (National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders)

SERVICES AND PAYMENT

- Reduced scheduled Medicare Part B payment cuts by over half for 2023
- Mitigated the impact of Medicare payment reductions in SNFs and home health
- Eliminated the physician order requirement for certain nonacute hearing assessment services under Medicare

SCHOOLS

Successfully advocated for the passage of legislation that:

\$8 MILLION

for the development of a technical assistance center to make it easier for schools and families to access high quality school-based Medicaid services

Encourages the U.S. Department of Education to provide technical assistance to help audiologists and SLPs better support students with speech-language disorders in school settings

Requires clearer guidance from CMS to facilitate school-based Medicaid billing

\$50 MILLION

in state grants to expand assistance to school-based entities under Medicaid or CHIP

ASHA-PAC

\$242,518 RAISED

ASHA-PAC had a record-breaking year, raising \$242,518 from 7,932 donors

96% of ASHA-PAC supported candidates won re-election