



2019 ASHA ADVOCACY: A YEAR IN REVIEW

MAKING A MARK



340

MEETINGS

ASHA members attended **over 340 meetings** with House and Senate staff.



27,000

MESSAGES

ASHA members sent **over 27,000 messages** to members of Congress and state legislators.

Find out more about **ASHA's 2020 policies**
[www.asha.org/
Advocacy/2020-ASHA-
Public-Policy-Agenda/](http://www.asha.org/Advocacy/2020-ASHA-Public-Policy-Agenda/)

IMPROVING COVERAGE

12

NATIONAL HEALTH PLANS



Hosted an inaugural Private Payer Summit with **12 national health plans** and utilization management companies to **discuss the value of the audiology and speech-language pathology services.**

5

NEW MEDICARE MEASURES



Achieved **new quality reporting options** for audiology and speech-language pathology, including **5 new Medicare recognized quality measures.**

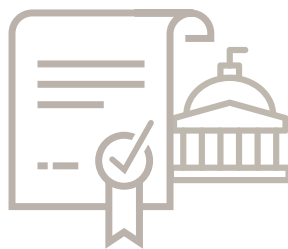


20+

STATES

Delayed and improved the roll-out of **utilization management initiatives in 20+ states.**

INCREASING ACCESS



- U.S. House of Representatives passed bipartisan legislation for **improving access to audiologists' treatment services** for Medicare patients.
- Model legislation developed for the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC) and sponsors **secured in 9 states for introduction in 2020.**
- Universal licensure **passed in 3 states.**

INCREASING FUNDING

Congress passed and the President signed legislation resulting in a **\$400M increase to IDEA funding** and included **administrative burden reduction report language** directed toward the Departments of Education and Health and Human Services.



INCREASING DIVERSITY

U.S. House of Representatives passed legislation for **supporting increased diversity in the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology.**



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