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

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

ADVOCACY

90,124 MESSAGES

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

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.

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

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

6 STATES ADDED

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