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.

IMPRESSING 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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www.asha.org/Advocacy/2020-ASHA-Public-Policy-Agenda/