

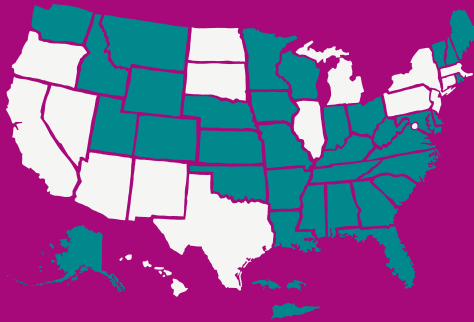


## Advocacy Outreach and Engagement

- ASHA sent **103** comment letters to federal and state policymakers
- **79** ASHA members from **41** states and territories participated in over **130** in-person congressional meetings on Capitol Hill Day, generating **126** new cosponsors on key federal bills
- **38** ASHA members from special interest groups, committees, boards, and councils participated in over **48** meetings with congressional staff
- ASHA members and advocates sent **58,079** messages to federal and state officials
- Over **2,370** CSD students sent **7,100** messages for Student Advocacy Day, resulting in **3** new cosponsors for the Student Loan Interest Elimination Act
- ASHA congressional champions introduced a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Speech-Language-Hearing Month



## Interstate Compact



**4 STATES AND ONE TERRITORY**  
 joined the ASLP-IC, increasing the total to **35**



## Telehealth

**4,300** ASHA advocates signed a letter to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services convincing it to include audiology and speech-language pathology codes in its Medicare telehealth list for 2025



## Payment and Coverage



- ASHA and stakeholders convinced the Department of Education to stop a proposal to remove the parental consent requirement to bill Medicaid in schools, which could have limited care for students outside of school.
- Advocated for Congress to reduce Medicare Part B payment cut by half for 2024
- Provided advocacy tools and support to Connecticut clinicians to successfully stop Anthem CT from switching to a per diem payment model
- ASHA supported wins with state-mandated coverage of services, including speech language therapy services in Delaware and habilitative and rehabilitative stuttering therapy in Kentucky and Pennsylvania
- Convinced Vermont Medicaid to remove prior authorization and referral requirements for children receiving speech therapy and increase the number of visits for adults who need speech therapy



## ASHA-PAC



- Raised **\$191,561** from **5,462** donors
- Contributed **\$194,500** to **56** federal candidates



## Collaborating in the States

- **36** states were awarded advocacy grants from ASHA
- Supported new and revised laws and regulations for speech-language pathology assistants in **7** states
- Fought to protect scope of practice for audiologists and/or speech-language pathologists in **5** states
- Successfully advocated to improve Medicaid payment or coverage in **7** states
- Supported school-based salary supplement legislation in Oklahoma and Oregon



## Tools for You



ASHA collaborated with the National Education Association to develop advocacy resources for audiologists and SLPs in schools

- Developed a Medicare vs. Medicaid resource for audiologists and SLPs
- Published over **75** news pieces, blogs, and podcasts with advocacy and informational updates



## Social Security Fairness Act

**1,272** ASHA advocates wrote to members of Congress supporting the Social Security Fairness Act, which was signed into law