



Supporting quality long-term care services and supports for Iowans

Communication keeps our issues moving forward

Iowa Health PAC is pleased with the progress made for long-term services and supports providers during the 2018 Iowa General Assembly. Thanks to long-term services and supports (LTSS) providers' good relationships with Iowa's elected officials, the session ended with a number of positive legislative outcomes.

IHCA staff and its lobbying team at the Capitol worked closely with legislative leadership and Governor Reynolds' office to advance the association's priorities. IHCA, ICAL and ICHC members' efforts to reach out through phone calls and emails, attend legislative forums and fundraisers, host legislators in their facilities, and participate in the IHCA Day on the Hill created connections with legislators that helped secure their support.

The role Iowa Health PAC played in helping us keep clear lines of communication open to legislators is immeasurable. The Iowa Health PAC contributions by IHCA, ICAL and ICHC members continue to be critical to the association's success with our elected officials. The list at right outlines this session's successes and the goals for 2019 that your Iowa Health PAC contribution will help support.

How you can help!

Iowa Health PAC will continue to reach out to elected officials and candidates with legislative receptions, facility tours and legislative forums. Your participation in these events will be key to continuing to build their awareness and understanding of the issues affecting providers' ability to offer accessible, quality long-term services and supports for Iowans.

Legislative General Session

2018 Accomplishments

- Restoration of 90-day retroactive Medicaid eligibility (awaiting signature)
- Removal of Quality Assurance Assessment Fee statutory cap and inclusion of protection language (awaiting signature)
- \$1 million in new funding for Iowa home health agencies (awaiting signature) and 2017 LUPA rate reduction successful appealed resulting in a rate adjustment recovery of an additional savings of \$1.95 million for HHAs
- Strengthened MCO oversight (awaiting signature)
- Direct payment to nursing facilities for Hospice room and board
- Association Health Plans
- \$500,000 in RIF for nursing facilities replacement and renovation (awaiting signature)
- Two bills providing Power of Attorney reforms including the automatic termination of PoA for dependent adult abuse/financial exploitation
- Telehealth bill prohibiting third-party payors from denying claims due exclusively to use of telehealth media
- Successfully fended off two bills to change Certificate of Need

2019 Focus

- Continue support of increased LTSS Medicaid funding
- Provide regulatory relief for certified home health agencies
- Protect AL social model from onerous legislation
- Remove barriers to workforce recruitment and retention
- Oppose weakening or elimination of the CON process
- Preserve due process for opposing DIA citations and insufficiencies
- Fund the NF renovation and replacement fund
- Fend off unfunded LTSS regulatory mandates
- Continue work on CMS NF RoP implementation delays

IHCA and its divisions ICAL and ICHC are already planning for a successful 2019 Legislative session. Your Iowa Health PAC contribution is needed today, so we can make a difference tomorrow. Help us advance the importance of quality care long-term services and supports, access to health care options and sustained reimbursement.

We ask for your PAC commitment by August 1, 2019.

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