

# THE MONTHLY ADVOCATE



## CHAPTER CHALLENGE UPDATE

### WHAT TO DO IN OCTOBER?

- Determine who will be participating at your National Day at your State Capitol event. Are there any faculty or other students that are interested in participating? Get a head count!
- Does your state academy have a lobbyist or a member dedicated to government relations? [Click here](#) or contact your state academy to find out.
- REMINDER: This event will likely take place on a business day, so consider other academic or clinic obligations.

### AUDIOLOGY UPDATE

[Medicare Audiologist Access and Services Act of 2019 \(H.R. 4056\)](#)

Patients will have access to audiological services without a referral from a physician. Audiologists will be reclassified as "practitioners," like other doctoral-level professionals such as clinical psychologists. The passing of this bill means appropriate services can be delivered to our patients in a more timely fashion. Supported by AAA, ASHA, and ADA.

### NEXT STEPS

- In the process of planning a day at your state capitol? [Click here](#) for resources!
- Interested in learning about your regional contact? [Click here](#)
- Keep an eye out for information from SAA about the D.C. Meetup!

### AAA REPLAY

[Take a look at the video](#) of Dr. Jackie Clark, a faculty member at The University of Texas at Dallas as well as a previous President of the AAA. Learn about what inspires Dr. Clark and how she advocates for our profession!!

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Stay tuned for next month's update to see where your chapter stands in the first period of the [SAA Chapter Challenge](#)! Need ideas for the second Chapter Challenge period, from September 21- December 13? Visit the Program Ideas Bank [here](#) to get some inspiration.