

THE MONTHLY ADVOCATE



CHAPTER CHALLENGE UPDATE

WHY ADVOCATE?

- To educate the public about noise-induced hearing loss, hearing protection, OTC hearing aids, and age-related hearing.
- To promote the field forward through new bills and legislation.
- To increase awareness of the profession. Aren't you tired of being asked, "What's an audiologist?"
- We are the future of audiology!

AUDIOLOGY UPDATE

Medicare Audiologist Access and Services Act of 2019 (HR 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 timelier 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. Meet Up!

AAA REPLAY

[Take a look at the video](#) of Dr. Josh Sevier, an audiologist at Boys Town National Research Hospital, who recently became involved in advocacy-based initiatives at the state level. Learn about the trials and tribulations, as well as the successes of Dr. Sevier's advocacy journey.

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Get ready for the SAA Chapter Challenge! SAA encourages everyone to put their best foot forward and step up to the 2019-2020 Chapter Challenge. Earn points for your chapter while advancing our profession in the areas of fundraising, advocacy, education, and humanitarian activities. Check out our monthly newsletter to see where you stand in the challenge. For more information, [click here](#).