

# The Monthly Advocate

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## Student Resources

Are you applying to externships or preparing to enter the workforce? The Academy offers a [free resume review service](#) to members. Feedback from current audiologists working in a variety of settings is provided within 14 days. [Find more externship resources on the SAA website.](#)

## Legislative Updates

### **CY 2023 Proposed Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS): Proposal for Audiology Direct Access**

The MPFS is an annual update to Medicare policies. The most recent proposal, issued in July 2022, includes potential for limited direct access to audiology services in Medicare. This aligns with the goal of the Medicare Audiologist Access and Services Act of 2021, but includes additional proposals that limit reimbursement and direct access. [Read the full comment letter from the Academy.](#)

### **Over-the-Counter (OTC) Hearing Aid Final Rule**

The FDA has released a final ruling regarding OTC hearing aids. The Academy has responded with a letter asking for clarification regarding ambiguous language used in the ruling, particularly in regard to current state licensing laws and the use of “prescription” to differentiate OTC from non-OTC hearing aids. [Read the full comment letter from the Academy.](#)

## Upcoming Events

### October:

- [National Audiology Awareness Month](#)
- [Ask Me About Audiology Campaign](#)

**October 3:** Virtual Education Series: [Applying to Grad School Panel from 9:00-10:00 pm EDT.](#)

**October 24:** *Join the Discussion: Moving from Microaggressions to Cultural Humility—A Critical Discussion for Audiology* airs on [eAudiology](#) from 12:00-1:00 pm EDT. [Registration is free for national SAA members.](#)

**November 8:** 2022 Midterm Elections. [Confirm your voting status here.](#)

## Red Bird Mission

The SAA is excited to continue our partnership with the Red Bird Clinic! Located in the southeastern corner of Kentucky, Red Bird Clinic provides much-needed clinical services to the surrounding rural population including medical, dental, and hearing healthcare. The next trip is expected to take place Sunday, May 14-Friday, May 19 2023. [Fill out the application today!](#)