

The Monthly Advocate

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Legislative Updates

The Medicare Audiologist Access and Services Act

The Academy is working with the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and the Academy of Doctors of Audiology (ADA) on legislation that will reclassify audiologists as “practitioners.” This reclassification will provide additional opportunities under Medicare, such as allowing patients direct access to audiologists and expand audiological services to include treatment.

The Allied Health Workforce Diversity Act

Legislation that would offer scholarships and grants to students in audiology and other allied health professions who are typically underrepresented. Scholarship funds would be dispersed by the Academy.

[Sign up for advocacy updates](#) from the Academy’s Legislative Action Center

Student Resources

Audiology Community

The [Audiology Community](#) offers a place for you to find people who understand the journey that you have been through or are currently going through, offering advice and answers. Here you can get the most recent updates from SAA, connect with audiologists and other students, and ask any questions about the process of becoming an audiologist. Be sure to [subscribe to the Students Community](#) for more student-focused content and information.

Upcoming Events

- National Day at Your State Capitol (NDAYSC) takes place in January 2023! [Join SAA for a virtual legislative training on January 12](#) and visit the [Academy’s Advocacy web page to find up-to-date resources](#).
- The 2023 Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) Conference will take place on Wednesday, April 21, 2023, 10:00 am-4:00 pm in Seattle, Washington. [Learn more about the SAA conference and how to register](#).

[Subscribe to SAA’s events calendar](#) for updated information on programming, conferences, and more!

Chapter Spotlight

Has your chapter participated in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) engagement, advocacy efforts, or public outreach events? Submit a brief description and image(s) of your recent efforts along with your chapter's Facebook and Instagram handle to Kelly Schroeder at kellyschroeder.saa@gmail.com to be featured in the next newsletter.