



REHABILITATION & COMMUNITY
PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION
Political Action Committee

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS RCPA-PAC?

- RCPA-PAC is a non-profit, non-partisan, political action committee of the Rehabilitation and Community Providers Association (RCPA). The PAC was created to preserve quality health care in our state, and to help pursue a stronger advocacy role and to achieve greater political potency for our provider members. Participation in RCPA-PAC is strictly voluntary.
- RCPA-PAC allows individuals to combine resources with peers who share their views. PAC contributions support elected officials and candidates for elected office who champion critical issues to Pennsylvania's health and human service providers.
- RCPA-PAC sets an overall campaign goal every year. This year's goal is \$75,000.

WHAT DOES RCPA-PAC DO?

- RCPA-PAC speaks on behalf of health and human service providers in a strong, unified voice -- more resources equals to increased power.
- RCPA-PAC helps pro-health and human service candidates to achieve or maintain public office.
- RCPA-PAC encourages active membership participation in the political process.
- RCPA-PAC builds and maintains key relationships in both state and federal government with lawmakers who are supportive of our member's interests.

WHY SHOULD YOU DONATE?

- RCPA-PAC makes the health care community more effective. We need to send out a universal message and make our presence known.

- RCPA members must keep pace with other interest group PACs! Our future and the future of our clients is in our hands.
- Health care is at the forefront of public policy debates.
- Elected officials must understand that successful health care depends on enacting public policies that help us care for patients 24-7.
- Participating in the RCPA-PAC helps us communicate to lawmakers the vital role that health and human service providers play by employing hundreds of thousands of employees that pay taxes and are involved within their communities each and every day.
- We are in a time of great political and economic uncertainty, and a time of great change in health care. If we do not participate in the political process, we risk being left out of the policy decisions.
- As health and human service providers, you and your job are affected by a wide variety of policies established at the federal, state and local levels.
- Decisions made by elected officials directly affect our personal lives and our jobs as health and human service providers.
- Congressional and state legislators pass legislation that could tremendously affect how health and human service providers deliver services to those with mental health, drug and alcohol, intellectual and developmental disabilities, medical rehabilitation, brain injury, long term living, and other related human services for both children and adults across all settings.
- Federal and state budget shortfalls continue to grow while health and human service providers are required to provide additional services even though members are under staffed and over worked.

Questions?
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Your participation in the RCPA-PAC is completely voluntary and you may contribute as much or as little as you choose. Donations are not tax-deductible and will be used for political purposes. You may choose not to participate without fear of reprisal. You will not be favored or disadvantaged by reason of the amount of your contribution or decision not to contribute.