



December 22, 2020

Dear Members,

2020 has been a year like no other.

While a new year will undoubtedly bring its own set of challenges, with vaccines from both Pfizer and Moderna shipping around the country, there's a palpable feeling of hope in the air. The past nine months have seen unanticipated challenges, but also unexpected kindness, generosity, and sacrifice from our staff, fellow providers, and communities to ensure the safety of the people we support.

The ANCOR Connected Community became a hub for information sharing and practical advice. Here at ANCOR we listened intently as our members shared their experiences. We gathered as much information and resources as we could to help others prepare for surges of COVID and unrest in their own states and to alert our elected officials that help was needed.

Through your membership with RCPA and its participation in ANCOR 100% membership program, your voices have amplified the needs of IDD providers and enhanced the efficacy of ANCOR's work here in Washington DC.

Your involvement and influence in ANCOR's advocacy has resulted in tens of billions of dollars in federal funding being made available for our members, expanded eligibility for the Paycheck Protection Program to hundreds of providers, and ensured that the Provider Relief Fund was accessible to Medicaid-funded providers of community-based disability services, all with the goal to get you through the pandemic.

And for that we thank you.

We'd love to share with you a [summary of the year and what you've helped make possible](#). ANCOR members received this in their membership renewal communications this month – thanks to RCPA, renewing your ANCOR membership is one less thing for you to worry about. Your membership with RCPA ensures that you have access to a full network of providers in your state and around the nation as well as a voice on the federal level.

We're with you, to weather this storm and ensure our members make it through 2021 too. We're working with the 100% association executives to continue to add value and want to hear from you if there are any additional resources that would be helpful to you. Please know you can always reach out to us.

From all of us at ANCOR and RCPA, we wish you a peaceful end to 2020 and look forward to our partnership together in 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Merrill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Barbara Merrill, CEO  
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard S. Edley". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized, with the first name being the most legible part.

Richard S. Edley, PhD, President/CEO  
RCPA