



**REGULATORY
RELIEF**

Reduce the
burden

The regulatory burden faced by post-acute providers is substantial and unsustainable. We urge you to modify or eliminate duplicative, excessive, antiquated and contradictory provider regulations.

- Delay implementation of Phase 2 of nursing home Requirements of Participation
- Suspend the Medicaid restriction on coverage of home- and community-based services that has created obstacles for seniors living in campus-based settings (HCBS Final Rule)
- Revise and simplify the payroll-based journal (PBJ) reporting system that nursing homes must use to report staffing levels



**MEDICAID
REFORM**

Strengthen
the program

For more than 40 years, Medicaid has served as the nation's health care safety net, providing access to health services for those who cannot afford private insurance. Help ensure adequate funding for states.

- Preserve coverage and funding that assists with South Dakota's long-term care rebalancing efforts and addresses the growing aging population
- Support a replacement plan that addresses both age and income so costs don't shift to South Dakota seniors
- Avoid reforms that risk South Dakota seniors' ability to live independently



**LEGISLATIVE
ACTIONS**

Focus on
improvement

Quality the public can trust can be achieved with legislative actions that empower innovation and improvements at the local and state levels. Legislation must consider unintended consequences to the effective delivery of aging services.

- Amend OBRA to eliminate mandatory penalty to suspend CNA training when out of compliance
- Preserve and expand federal senior housing programs: Section 202, Section 8 project- and tenant-based programs, Section 811, and public housing
- Amend the BBA of 2015 that doubled penalties to providers with devastating impacts

Long-term care facilities and home health/hospice agencies collectively support more than \$1 billion of the state's economic activity.



Please join us ...

... in our support of the following federal legislative priorities

ACCESS

- Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act (S. 548)
- Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act (S. 445)
- State Veterans Home Adult Day Health Care Improvement Act (S. 324)
- Medicare Patient Access to Hospice Act (H.R. 1284)

QUALITY

- Repeal Title VII of BBA of 2015 on civil money penalties
- Furthering Access to Stroke Telemedicine Act (S. 431)
- Independent Outside Audit of the Indian Health Service Act (S. 465)
- Amend Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 (S. 544)

WORKFORCE

- Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization Act (H.R. 959)
- Commit to funding critically needed positions

PAYMENT

- Rescind the category of "observation stays"
- Preserve access to Medicare Rural Home Health Services Act (S. 353)

The South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations is the statewide association representing and serving health care organizations across the state, including nursing facilities, home health and hospice agencies, assisted living centers and home- community-based services providers.