



**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 statutes 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
 - Public housing
- Amend the Balanced Budget Act of 2015, which doubled penalties to providers with devastating impacts



Please join us ...

... in support of the following federal legislative priorities

ACCESS

- Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act (S. 548)
- Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act (S. 445, H.R. 1825)
- Support the Older Americans Act
- Increase access to hospice in rural areas (H.R. 1284, H.R. 1828)

QUALITY

- Repeal Title VII of the Balanced Budget Act of 2015 on civil monetary penalties
- Further Access to Stroke Telemedicine Act (S. 431)
- Support Indian Health Service transparency and accountability (S. 431, S. 465, S. 109)
- Remove impediments, improve payment process for Veterans Choice (S. 663, S. 304, S. 544)

WORKFORCE

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

PAYMENT

- Rescind category of "observation stays" (S. 568, H.R. 1421)
- Extend home health rural add-ons, the Medicare Rural Home Health Services Act (S. 353)

The South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations represents hospitals, health systems and post-acute care providers across the state. South Dakota's long term care facilities and home health/hospice agencies collectively support more than \$1 billion of the state's economic activity.