



REHABILITATION & COMMUNITY  
PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION  
Political Action Committee

## Frequently Asked Questions

### WHAT IS RCPA PAC?

- A nonprofit, 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, to help members pursue a stronger advocacy role, and to achieve greater political potency for our provider members. Participation 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. To achieve this, RCPA PAC sets an overall campaign goal every year.

### WHAT DOES RCPA PAC DO?

- Speaks on behalf of health and human service providers in a strong, unified voice — more resources equal increased power.
- Helps pro-health and human service candidates achieve or maintain public office.
- Encourages active member participation in the political process.
- Builds and maintains key relationships in both state and federal government with lawmakers who are supportive of our members' 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 futures of those we serve, are 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, that they employ 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 of vast changes in health care. If we do not participate in the political process, we risk being left out of the policy decision process.
- 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 both the personal lives and jobs of all 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 service needs, 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 understaffed and overworked.

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