

Q&A

Who is NYAHSА?

NYAHSА is an undisputed leader in developing senior living and services policy for the state of New York. Because of the respect NYAHSА has earned among policy makers, we are regularly included in budget and legislative discussions with the state legislative leaders, the governor's office and agency leadership. In addition, the Department of Health often turns to NYAHSА for guidance on a number of long term care issues, including rate-setting, reimbursement and regulatory issues.

Q: Why can't my facility just write a check?

A: Doing so would jeopardize the not-for-profit status of your organization because federal law strictly prohibits not-for-profit entities from involvement in political campaigns. All donations must be made from individuals' personal accounts to protect your organization's not-for-profit status. Donations from individuals who work or volunteer for NYAHSА member organizations are critically important. They allow us to be as competitive as proprietary nursing homes that are able to write corporate checks or labor unions that require payroll deductions from their members.

Q: Where does my donation go?

A: NYAHSА-PAC makes financial contributions to the election campaigns of the legislative leaders, committee chairs, and individual legislators who have shown a strong commitment to continuing care. Your donation allows NYAHSА-PAC to build and maintain political connections by attending political events. NYAHSА-PAC's success is dependent upon members' contributions. The more money we have, the more we can donate to the campaigns of and attend fundraisers for elected officials who support our political agenda.

Q: How else can I help?

A: Become a Partners in Quality Families & Friends member. All you need is Internet access and just a few minutes a month. NYAHSА supplies prewritten letters to lawmakers on issues protecting our seniors and disabled; you just click and send.

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**In a perfect world, money wouldn't be the key to political access.
But we don't live in a perfect world.**

It's no secret that groups with strong Political Action Committees have greater political access and influence than those that do not. Political connections are often forged and solidified at expensive candidate fundraisers, which also provide valuable face-to-face time with key lawmakers.

Since not-for-profits and public entities cannot be directly involved in political campaigns, NYAHSAs established NYAHSAs-PAC in 1991 to influence state leaders through their election campaigns. The PAC harnesses the power of numbers, pooling

donations for maximum impact and influence on elections and ensuring that candidates for state office are informed and supportive of investments in our services for seniors. More importantly, the PAC seeks to support candidates who will oppose cuts to long term care services.

Having a vital, securely funded PAC enables us to be actively engaged not just in the legislative process, but the political process as well. NYAHSAs is up against heavily funded special interests, all vying for political sway; we need you to be part of the PAC.

I want to help reach every member of the legislature by making my contribution today.

\$1,001 - \$2500 **Champion** \$101 - \$500 **Advocate**

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I would like to contribute \$_____ to the NYAHSAs-PAC to secure senior services throughout the New York state.

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* We appreciate any donation you make, however, individuals are prohibited from making total contributions to political campaigns in excess of \$5,000 annually.