



Hospice Action Network

Whys, Ways, and Hows of Advocacy

Advocacy has a simple meaning: taking action to support a cause. The hospice and palliative care community is uniquely centered on patients and families' needs and values. This community wants to provide the best care possible. Advocacy is a great tool to advance that very mission. At the Hospice Action Network (HAN), we bring together hospice and palliative care advocates to speak with a unified voice for better policies to benefit patients and families.

Why Advocate?

- **Public policy impacts you, your organization, and the patients and families you serve.**

It is a critical moment in the hospice and palliative care world. We need to educate and encourage our legislators to champion policies that will make hospice and palliative care more accessible to the millions of Americans that depend on the Hospice Benefit each year.

- **You have a role to play.**

Hospice and palliative care are increasingly discussed by the media, the public, and lawmakers. But they aren't necessarily speaking from a place of experience or education. Voices are needed to provide expertise on our unique, mission-driven model of care.

- **It's easier than you think!**

With the support of HAN, you can easily learn what policies impact hospice and palliative care, contact your legislators in as little as two and a half minutes, and learn how to make the most of meetings with legislative offices.

Ways to Advocate

- **Know what policies impact your cause**

It's important to know what current legislation would impact hospice and palliative care.

- **Contact legislators about these policies and why they matter to you**

Let your legislators know what policies would impact you, and the patients and families that rely on hospice and palliative care. Emails and phone calls are a great way to get started.

- **Meet with your legislators and/or give them a tour**

Visits of facilities show legislators the true value of hospice and palliative care.

You can effectively influence public policy by meeting with your legislator about specific issues.

How to Get Involved

- **Take Action:** To easily send a message about priority legislation to your members of Congress, go to the HAN Action Center at hospiceactionnetwork.org/take-action

- **Sign Up:** To join our growing community, get updates, and get alerted when action is needed, become a HAN Advocate at hospiceactionnetwork.org/join-us

- **Join as a HAN Member Organization:** To get priority access to HAN expertise on policy, grassroots, and political strategy, go to hospiceactionnetwork.org/han-membership/



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