

# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



ESSENTIAL  
HOSPITALS

POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR



## **Lawrence Antonucci, MD, MBA**

Chair, Essential Hospitals PAC Board of Directors

President and CEO, Lee Health

The influence of our political action committee (PAC) reflects nearly a decade of sustained growth, culminating in yet another record year in 2025 for fundraising to support meaningful engagement with federal policymakers. This momentum continues to translate into tangible advocacy, including strengthening relationships with lawmakers who have championed essential hospitals. These outcomes demonstrate the direct impact of your support, which fuels our ability to act swiftly and effectively on behalf of our members.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our essential hospital champions. The challenges ahead will require an even stronger collective effort, and your commitment ensures we are prepared to meet them.

Amid the lingering gridlock and loud politics of the 119th Congress, Essential Hospitals PAC has remained steadfast in its mission to protect and advance our members' interests in Washington, D.C. While countless voices seek lawmakers' attention, our disciplined, strategic engagement—made possible by our donors' dedication—continues to set us apart.

This year, we have both deepened ties with existing congressional allies and established new connections with members poised to shape health care policy in the years ahead. These relationships are especially critical as the health care sector is under heightened scrutiny for potential savings and offsets. A strong PAC underscores to Congress that we are serious about advocating for essential hospitals and the communities they serve.

True to our bipartisan nature, Essential Hospitals PAC is well-positioned to elevate the voices of our mission-driven members throughout the upcoming year and beyond. Together, we will continue ensuring that your priorities are heard—and acted upon—on Capitol Hill. Your ongoing support remains invaluable, and I thank you for your partnership in this important work.

## 2025 PAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Former President and CEO

America's Essential Hospitals, Washington, D.C.

# 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2025, we continued supporting congressional leaders, key committee champions, and lawmakers on caucuses that represent the diverse communities essential hospitals serve.

America's Essential Hospitals worked hard in 2025, engaging with Congress to:

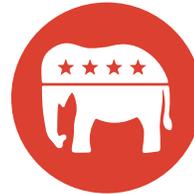
- ◆ Avert an \$8 billion cut to Medicaid disproportionate share hospital payments
- ◆ Prepare to reintroduce legislation for a formal federal designation for essential hospitals—recognition that could help Congress target support to members
- ◆ Fight pernicious site-neutral payment proposals
- ◆ Protect the 340B Drug Pricing Program from damaging policy proposals and drug company attacks, as well as ardently oppose the proposed rebate pilot program.
- ◆ Extend vital telehealth and hospital-at-home flexibilities
- ◆ Endorse legislation to bolster the health care workforce
- ◆ Support legislation to improve maternal health outcomes
- ◆ Endorse legislation to encourage prompt pay in the Medicare Advantage space
- ◆ Lay the groundwork to stave off pending cuts to state directed payments and provider taxes

## \$81,500 IN DISBURSEMENTS

*To individual reelection and leadership campaigns and key coalitions/caucuses*



**18**  
DEMOCRATIC  
DISBURSEMENTS



**16**  
REPUBLICAN  
DISBURSEMENTS



**7**  
COALITIONS/  
CAUCUSES  
SUPPORTED

## \$83,736.71 IN CONTRIBUTIONS

*With an average contribution of more than \$1,000 from individuals at our member hospitals*

**58**

CONTRIBUTORS  
*Consistent with last year's number of unique contributors*

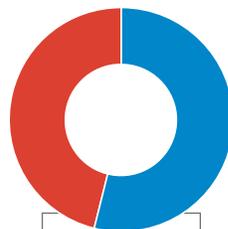
**100%**

ENGAGEMENT  
*From members of the PAC and association boards*

**65+**

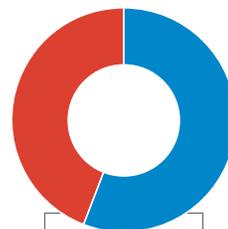
EVENTS  
*To engage with lawmakers beyond the walls of congressional offices*

AMOUNT BY PARTY



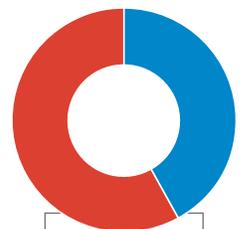
REPUBLICANS \$28,500  
DEMOCRATS \$33,000

AMOUNT BY PARTY IN HOUSE



REPUBLICANS \$21,000  
DEMOCRATS \$26,500

AMOUNT BY PARTY IN SENATE



REPUBLICANS \$7,500  
DEMOCRATS \$5,500

# SUPPORTING ESSENTIAL HOSPITAL CHAMPIONS

Contributions to the House accounted for most of Essential Hospitals PAC’s 2025 disbursements for several strategic reasons. First, the House drove much of the debate around the Republican reconciliation bill, H.R. 1, which included significant Medicaid implications and made defending and building champions there an immediate priority. In addition, the ongoing House gridlock limited the Senate’s ability to weigh in on many specific proposals, further concentrating our focus on the House.

From its inception, Essential Hospitals PAC has established practical criteria for distributing financial contributions to incumbent congressional candidates. These methods are approved annually by the PAC board of directors. The PAC prioritizes congressional candidates who:

- ◆ Serve on a congressional committee that oversees essential hospital advocacy priorities
- ◆ Hold a leadership position in the House or Senate
- ◆ Champion essential hospital advocacy priorities
- ◆ Represent essential hospitals in their state or congressional district
- ◆ Have a competitive race and need financial support
- ◆ Hold values and character that holistically align with the America’s Essential Hospitals mission and vision

In addition, the PAC also contributes to caucuses or coalition groups that represent communities served by essential hospitals.



## 2025 TOP DONORS LIST

### PRESIDENT’S CIRCLE (\$5,000)

- Jennifer DeCubellis, MA
- Eric Dickson, MD, MHCM
- Beth Feldpush, DrPH
- Mark O’Halla, MBA
- Jason Pray
- Bruce Siegel, MD, MPH
- Albert Wright, PharmD, DrPH, MHA

### ESSENTIAL CHAMPION (\$2,500–\$4,999)

- R. Jacob Cintron, MAcc, MBA
- Marc Corriveau, JD, MHSA
- Daniel Jones
- Sommer Kleweno Walley, MA, MHA
- Christopher Lombardozzi, MD
- Thomas Quatroche Jr., PhD

### ESSENTIAL PARTNER (\$1,000–\$2,499)

- Lawrence Antonucci, MD, MBA
- Steve Arner, MBA
- Edward Banos, MSHA
- Jen Church, MS
- Nicholas Conte, JD
- Stephanie Daubert, MBA
- Matthew Doyle
- Rhonda Gold, CPA
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- William Walker, MD

# FEDERAL ACTION NETWORK

## Take Your Advocacy To The Next Level

Make the most of your association membership: Since 2018, the Federal Action Network (FAN) has connected essential hospital leaders who share a passion for federal politics and policymaking. With in-depth tools and support, including an exhaustive resource repository, the FAN helps advocate for legislative and regulatory issues important to your hospital and navigate the complex and ever-changing landscape in Washington, D.C.



### EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND SHARPEN YOUR ADVOCACY SKILLS.

- ◆ Participate in topical and timely virtual advocacy education throughout the year, including quarterly webinars on emerging legislative issues.
- ◆ Receive our quarterly newsletter and exclusive FAN communications, including legislative and election updates.



### NETWORK WITH HUNDREDS OF HOSPITAL ADVOCACY LEADERS.

- ◆ Attend our annual FAN reception.
- ◆ Network in Washington, D.C., at our annual Federal Advocacy Assembly legislative fly-in.



### CONNECT WITH AND INFORM YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.

- ◆ Receive calls to action on legislation, congressional sign-on letters, hearings, and other Capitol Hill activities that affect your policy priorities directly to your inbox.
- ◆ Amplify your hospital's voice in the legislative process.

## To join, visit [FederalAction.net](https://FederalAction.net)

The FAN offers exclusive resources and networking for essential hospital advocates. FAN membership is available at no cost to staff and colleagues of hospital and health system members of America's Essential Hospitals. Joining can facilitate further advocacy engagement by adding members to the solicitable class for our Essential Hospitals PAC and making sure they don't miss a beat.



## ABOUT ESSENTIAL HOSPITALS PAC

Essential Hospitals PAC is a voluntary, nonpartisan entity that provides opportunities for staff of America's Essential Hospitals members to participate and engage in the political process. Federal law allows Essential Hospitals PAC to communicate with and solicit eligible employees of association members.

The mission of Essential Hospitals PAC is to support congressional candidates who champion policies that improve access to the high-quality health care provided by essential hospitals. Through Essential Hospitals PAC, donors demonstrate their commitment to the ongoing service of federal lawmakers who support essential hospitals and the patients and communities they serve.

*Please note: Contributions or gifts to the Essential Hospitals Political Action Committee (Essential Hospitals PAC) are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Participation in Essential Hospitals PAC is voluntary. You have the right to refuse to contribute without reprisal. The suggested contribution amounts are only suggestions. You have the right to contribute more or less than the suggested amount and the amount contributed, or the refusal to contribute, will not benefit or disadvantage you in any way. Federal law requires us to use our best efforts to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 in a calendar year. Essential Hospitals PAC uses member contributions to help elect individuals to federal, state, and local office who support our organization's goals. Contributions from foreign nationals, corporations, national banks, federally chartered corporations, federal contractors, and labor unions are prohibited. Essential Hospitals PAC may not accept more than \$5,000 per year from any one contributor.*