



## ANCOR Tools for Building Congressional Relationships

Legislators want to hear from you—their constituents—especially regarding the issues that affect you and for which you have expertise. As a private provider, you are already an expert on many issues that face Congress. ANCOR's Government Relations Division has tools to help you build upon your current expertise, stay informed, and become the *go-to* resource for your Congressional delegation.

- ANCOR's automated, online [Action Center](#) that **forwards alerts** to member organizations and any staff who register for alerts and **provides an easy pathway to communicate to automatically** to your Representative of Senators--you just need to fill in your zip code and use a sample letter or compose your own. It takes 3 minutes!
- ANCOR's new **online [Congressional and State Directories](#)** that provide photos, bios, committee assignments, address and telephone numbers of Washington and district offices, and the staff and their area of responsibility (e.g., health care (Medicaid), budget and/or appropriations). You can even download each member page for your use or to share with others.
- ANCOR's weekly electronic **Washington Insiders Club Updates (WICs)** sent to anyone in an organization who is a member of ANCOR and who has signed up for these communications. The WIC's updates provide brief background and status on key legislative and regulatory issues that the Government Relations Division tracks for you.
- ANCOR's [comprehensive web site](#) with hot news on the home page and **20 [National Issue web sites](#)** with relevant federal and state issue related materials, reports, and resources.
- ANCOR's [State Fact Sheets](#) packed full of information specific to your state's demographics, HCBS and ICF/MR and other specific Medicaid expenditures, and number of people served. Each *Fact Sheet* also provides you with data on national trends, demographics, and workforce and family caregiver statistics.
- ANCOR's [Member Only Page](#) containing documents, past alerts, weekly WIC's and WIC's Live **available only to ANCOR members.**

- ANCOR's companion weekly **WICs Live Updates**—short 5-10 minute audio summaries of written text of weekly WICs.
- ANCOR's monthly electronic ***Around the States*** with brief summaries of state Medicaid and health care reforms.
- ANCOR's monthly ***LINKS newsletters*** either mailed or electronic sent to the contact that each member organization specifies.
- ANCOR's frequent **audio conferences** on topics of interest.
- ANCOR's **Government Relations staff expertise** and some national consultants available by telephone or email to address federal issues consistent with ANCOR priorities.