

How Your Vote Can Change Your Work

Understand why and how you should participate in this election.



★ Why Your Vote Matters ★ ★ ★

Your organization receives most of their funding from the Medicaid program, which means decisions made by elected officials affect many aspects of your work - including salary, what kind of rules you have to follow, and more. Here we explain the different levels of elected officials you can vote for, and the types of decisions they can make that could affect you.

At the end of this document, we share where you can learn how to register to vote and vote absentee or by mail in your state.

Do not wait - many states registration deadlines are in early October and with mail delays, you will need to send your registration in soon.

You, the Voter

You choose who you would like to see win these types of positions.

The candidates with the most votes wins.

Local officials
E.g. school board member

Can create local funding or training programs in addition to what state legislatures approve.

Make decisions on how schools are run, which roads to rebuild, what public transportation to invest in and more.

State Legislature
Represents districts

Decides state budget. That includes the state's share of Medicaid, which affects how much your employer receives to run the organization.

Creates state rules like workplace safety, background checks and more.

Oversees and can ask for or make changes to programs that help citizens, like state healthcare programs.

Statewide Officials
E.g. Governor, State Attorney General, etc.

Has to approve the budget set by the state legislature, which includes Medicaid funding, as well as any laws it passes.

Can also set goals for Medicaid, such as investing in more technology.

Make key decisions on how to run programs that help citizens.

Congress
Represents states and districts

Decides how much to invest in the federal half of the Medicaid program.

Can pass laws to change what is allowed or not allowed across the country - this touches every aspect of your life.

President
Head of the nation.

Has to approve the budget passed by Congress and any laws it passes.

Hires Cabinet Secretaries who make regulatory proposals and decisions about healthcare, housing, education, transportation and other key parts of everyday lives.

★ How to Register & Vote ★ ★ ★

The rules and deadlines to register and vote are a bit different in every state.

- To learn the voting rules in your state, visit:
<https://www.nass.org/can-i-vote>

<https://www.rockthevote.org/online/>

- For materials people with disabilities can easily use, visit:
<https://www.aapd.com/rev-up-the-disability-vote/>

- To see the positions of candidates at all levels of government, visit:
<https://www.vote411.org/>