



## About ANCOR Disability Champions Political Action Committee (ANCOR DC PAC)

### What the PAC Does:

ANCOR DC PAC strengthens your voice in Congress. It does this by pooling personal, voluntary donations from ANCOR members, and redistributing those funds to those Congressional candidates who have advanced or defended intellectual/developmental disability and provider issues or who are seen as likely to do so with more education and relationship-building.

### Origins:

ANCOR formed the PAC in 2017, in response to legislative proposals to drastically change the nature of Medicaid. The rapid traction those proposals gained showed that providers needed to have an even stronger political voice. ANCOR DC PAC is one of the many tools ANCOR has developed to avoid similar harmful proposals from being made in the future – and build on opportunities and potential relationships as new champions emerge.

### Goals:

ANCOR DC PAC seeks to:

- Recognize and support established allies and emerging Congressional champions from both national parties.
- Build stronger relationships with Members of Congress, increasing providers' ability to "sit at the table" with key policymakers when important legislation arises.
- Further develop ANCOR members' experience in and skill at navigating the policy process.

### The PAC as an Advocacy Tool:

- Advocacy communities can foster relationships with officials in many ways, ranging from providing quality, reliable information regarding our industry, volunteering on campaigns or engaging in grassroots outreach and communications on particular issues of importance to that community. The growth and utilization of the ANCOR DC PAC is another tool for ANCOR to further relationships with elected officials on behalf of providers.
- By investing in elections, advocacy and trade groups can signal to officials that the industry we represent is being mindful and paying attention to who is in office. It is an act of good faith that helps garner awareness of us as a group and industry and helps build upon momentum obtained by other advocacy efforts such as Hill Days, action alerts, or repeat meetings.
- An organization that has a PAC and can successfully fundraise shows that it has a mobilized base to whom elected officials should pay attention.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is a political action committee?

A political action committee (PAC) is a fundraising committee. A PAC pools personal funds from individuals and then donates those funds to candidates chosen by the PAC – often PAC funds are used as a collective endorsement of a Member of Congress or an encouragement to represent the PAC’s issues more. The funds are used to support the candidates’ primary, general, and special election campaigns. PACs are a basic extension of an individual’s right to participate in the political process and support candidates who share objectives consistent with their own.

### Is the ANCOR DC PAC a Super PAC?

A PAC is **not** the same thing as a “Super PAC.” Super PACs can spend unlimited amounts supporting or opposing federal candidates but cannot directly donate money to political candidates or parties. A PAC it is subject to different regulations governing spending and contribution limits.

### What type of PAC is the ANCOR DC PAC?

The ANCOR DC PAC is a trade association PAC that is registered as a multi-candidate PAC.

Any federal PAC that has met the following three conditions must register as a multi-candidate PAC: a) existed for more than six months; b) received more than 50 donations from its members; c) made at least five donations to federal candidates. Under federal law, as a multi-candidate PAC, the ANCOR PAC can donate \$5,000 per election to individual candidates.

### How will ANCOR decide which candidates receive donations?

ANCOR relies on the guidance of its PAC Committee, in consultation with ANCOR’s lobbyists. The PAC Committee helps to steer the effective use of funds for bipartisan purposes and guide ANCOR’s PAC fundraising goals based on their policy, political, and provider experiences.

### Are there rules for participating in the PAC?

Under federal law, donations must be voluntary and PACs cannot set a minimum donation sum for participation by its members – although there is a maximum of \$5,000 per person, per calendar year.

In the case of trade associations such as ANCOR, the law also requires that participation be limited to U.S. citizens or green card holders who:

- Are in an executive or administrative position within the organization; or
- Are members of the association; and
- If a corporate member, have filled out solicitation agreement forms; and
- Agree to use their own personal funds and **not** their corporate funds.

There is no penalty for not participating in the PAC.



### **How can I receive more information about the PAC and upcoming PAC events?**

In order to receive more information about ANCOR's PAC, you must ensure you are eligible to receive solicitations from the PAC. Under federal law, to be eligible for solicitation by a trade association PAC like ANCOR's PAC, you must be a member of the trade association, or an executive or administrative personnel of the trade association (or their families).

Special rules apply to corporate members of ANCOR. In order to receive solicitations or information about the PAC's upcoming events, a representative from the corporate member of ANCOR must sign a permission form indicating:

- The member corporation involved has separately and specifically approved the solicitations for that year; and
- The member corporation has not approved a solicitation by any other trade association for the same calendar year.

### **I am an employee of a corporate member of ANCOR. Where can I complete the solicitation permission form?**

The permission form is here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ANCORDCPAC>

### **Does completing the solicitation permission form obligate me to contribute funds?**

No. Completing the form simply provides permission to ANCOR's PAC to send you information about how to give to the ANCOR DC PAC, upcoming events, and future plans for the PAC. It does not obligate you to give any money to the PAC.

### **Can I give to ANCOR's PAC on behalf of the corporation?**

No. Employees of ANCOR's corporate members must make individual, not corporate, contributions. ANCOR's PAC is prohibited from accepting corporate funds. Donations must be made by individuals or other PACs.

### **Have more questions about the PAC?**

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