



# Building HCA's PAC

## Your donations strengthen Home Care

### What is a PAC?

A **political action committee** (PAC) is a type of political committee organized to elect candidates who share your views and concerns. PACs are used today by thousands of organizations across the nation to distribute funds to political candidates for office.

### HCA PAC Background

In 2009 the HCA Board of Directors formed the HCA PAC to offer a means for HCA members and individuals concerned with the challenges confronting home care to support worthy candidates for state elected office.

Government activity at the state level has a direct impact on home care providers and the entire health care system. A strong political action committee is a useful advocacy tool that can help the home care community have a strong voice in public policy efforts. Now in its second year, HCA's PAC will help continue HCA's strong presence in advocating at the State level for your interests, especially during this important election year. Your participation in the HCA PAC will help us to communicate that lawmakers must recognize the true costs of caring for home care patients, make investments in a strong and stable home care safety net and assure that home care's place at the table is well represented.

In today's uncertain political times, a PAC sends a powerful message of unity on behalf of the home care community. It allows those interested in home care to speak with one voice, on behalf of vitally important home care programs and the thousands of patients being served by home care.

### Contributing to the HCA PAC

Contributions to the HCA PAC are dedicated to helping elect lawmakers that care about preserving and protecting the home care safety net in New York State. By collectively pooling our resources, home care's message can be clearly heard by policymakers in Albany.

This collective voice communicates that state reimbursement and private sector payment must recognize the true costs of providing care to home care patients, and that home care must be strengthened by providing for resources to address infrastructure, workforce, capital and technology needs.

Supporting the HCA PAC ensures that home care providers have a meaningful voice in the outcome on these and other vital issues that affect the home care community. Interest groups from many disciplines work to have their voice heard, and the home care community's voice also needs to be at the forefront of the debate.

### Who Can Contribute to the HCA PAC?

Voluntary contributions may be accepted from any U.S. citizen and for-profit corporations.

Contributions from tax-exempt, not-for-profit corporations **cannot** be accepted. Any eligible corporation is limited by NYS law to contributing no more than \$5000 for all political activity during a calendar year; All employees of HCA's member organizations **can** contribute to the HCA PAC.

Participation in the HCA PAC is voluntary and contributions are not tax-deductible.

### Does it Make a Difference?

Your participation in the HCA PAC produces real political power. Protecting home care providers and the patients and families we serve cannot be done without commitment. When you and your home care colleagues contribute to the HCA PAC, it reinforces and reminds lawmakers of the importance of home care.

### How Much Should I Contribute?

Any amount is welcome. If contributions are made by individuals from each HCA provider agency member in the state the HCA PAC would be hugely successful. **Every contribution is meaningful, needed and very much appreciated.**



**We need your support!**

