

2009 CAHSAH REPORT CARD

November, 2009

ADVOCACY	Medicare Certified	Home Care Aide	Licensed Home Health	Hospice	Home Infusion Pharmacy / Home Medical Equipment
<b>National</b>					
<b>Health Care Reform:</b> Lobbied against Medicare cuts and employer tax and for long-term care provisions.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>HR6331 (Rangel):</b> Supported preserving the 2009 home health and hospice market basket update.	✓			✓	
<b>HR3582 (Woolsey):</b> Opposed eliminating the federal companion exemption for third party employers.		✓			
<b>HR3865 (McGovern):</b> Opposed casemix system creep adjustment of 2.75%.	✓				
<b>S1041 (Kennedy):</b> Opposed allowing unionization by authorization cards as opposed to secret ballot.		✓	✓		
<b>Federal Lobby Day:</b> Advocated for home care issues in Washington D.C. on April 7, 2009.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>State</b>					
<b>AB993 (Aghazarian):</b> Working with DPH regarding licensing fees & certification surveys, including reduction of training requirements for CHHA's from 120 to 75 hours and development of competency-evaluation.	✓		✓		
<b>AB2000 (Ma):</b> Opposed requiring employers to provide paid sick leave for employees.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>AB1260 (Huffman):</b> Sponsored to change the budget reduction methodology to respite providers of Regional Centers to be less harmful.		✓	✓		✓
<b>Medi-Cal Lawsuit:</b> Reversed the 10% cut to Home Health reimbursement rate and continued to fight for adequate rates for 2001-2005.			✓		
<b>State Lobby Day:</b> Visits to legislative offices in Sacramento April 22.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>PAC Partners:</b> Hosted fundraising events for key legislators to meet home care agencies in their districts.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
<b>Annual Conference:</b> Section specific tracks for Private Duty, Hospice and Medicare.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>New Education Programs:</b> OASIS-C, Home Care Aide Training, Hospice Survey, Unionization, Worker's Compensation, Employment Law: Concepts and Practical Application for Home Care Employers, HHA Start Up, RAC Summit.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>New/Updated Publications:</b> Starting Up a Home Health Agency: The Nuts & Bolts, Labor Law for the Non-Union Agency, "RAC Audits: Are You Ready?" Audio Conference, Surveys Readiness: Don't GAMBLE with your HHA's Future	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>INFORMATION</b>					
<b>Online:</b> Launched the CAHSAH Facebook page, currently over 100 fans.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Media:</b> Launched the CAHSAH Channel on YouTube with video updates.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Distributed:</b> Bulletin and the Weekly News Update.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓