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Capitol Hill Day: Essential Q&As

Join your peers on **Monday, May 20, 2019, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm** for ACNM's organized advocacy day, Capitol Hill Day, when hundreds of midwives will travel to Capitol Hill to meet with their federal lawmakers to promote ACNM's policy objectives.

What is the Goal of Hill Day?

ACNM supports policies to advance the practice of and access to midwifery care to achieve optimal health for women, families, and individuals across the lifespan. Our goal is one midwife for every woman! Among the most effective ways to realize this goal is to educate elected officials and their staff members through personal meetings. At these meetings, we explain who midwives are and the issues important to us all. The information you deliver personally can critically influence the decisions legislators make on key policies.

Who Should Participate?

ACNM welcomes *all* members to participate in Hill Day activities.

What is the Process?

During the Annual Meeting, visit the Government Affairs Committee (GAC)/Midwives-Political Action Committee (PAC) booths to see if a meeting has been arranged with your 2 senators and representative and to obtain more information. Please note that bus transportation arranged by ACNM is limited to the first 500 registrants, so pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Visit annualmeeting.midwife.org/registration/ to register or stop by the GAC/Midwives-PAC booths. Make sure to pick up a button at the booths to ensure your seat on a bus.

What Will We Be Advocating For?

Our priority will be to educate legislators and staff about the crucial role midwives play in our nation's health care system; how the midwifery model of care fits within the health care continuum; and how midwives benefit consumers, districts, states, and society. This year, we also will be discussing the following:

- The need to modernize Medicare policy around facility credentialing and privileging of midwives.
- Legislation to amend Medicare's Conditions of Participation to include midwives in the definition of medical staff.
- Increased funding within Title VII and Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act in FY 2020 to grow the midwifery workforce. Funding will be earmarked for creating and enhancing accredited

midwifery education programs.

Why Should We Attend?

Speaking to your legislators about midwifery and advocating for the health and well-being of women in your area is the best way to put our issues at the top of their legislative agendas, and each individual midwife is the single best person to do this! It is up to ACNM members to make the collective voice of midwifery as loud as possible on Capitol Hill.

How Can I Prepare?

Make sure to attend the important education session, **ES 215 “Politics, Policy, and Visiting Your Legislator’s Office in 2019,” on Sunday, May 19, 12:15p-1:15p.** This session will provide details about the issues and everything you need to know to ensure a successful meeting. We will also provide leave-behind facts sheets and other materials and maps of Congressional offices and bus pick-up locations. Information about specific issues can be also be found on ACNM’s [Legislative Action Center](#) and in the downloadable materials at <http://annualmeeting.midwife.org/hill-day/>.

Familiarizing yourself with what you want to talk about before your meetings is key, and remember, ACNM’s government affairs staff and National Government Affairs Committee is with you every step of the way. **Questions? Contact, Amy Kohl, ACNM Director of Advocacy and Government Affairs at akohl@ACNM.org.**

How Will We Get to and From Capitol Hill?

Chartered buses will bring midwives from the Gaylord Resort & Convention Center to Capitol Hill and back, a 30-minute trip. **Pre-registered midwives MUST pick up their buttons the GAC/Midwives-PAC booth so that their seats on the bus are reserved.** If there is overflow, taxi service is available at the hotel entrance for about \$20 each way, or you can arrange travel with Uber or Lyft.

How Can I Spread the Impact of Capitol Hill Day?

The way to increase our impact on Capitol Hill is to share what we’re doing on social media. While you’re on the Hill, we encourage you to take as many of your own photos or short videos as possible. Email them to Anais Williams, ACNM Communications Specialist at awilliams@acnm.org or akohl@acnm.org, and we will share them for you. You can also use the hashtags **#MidwivesMakeaDifference**, **#ACNMHillDay2019**, and **#ACNM19** across your favorite social media platforms. You can also tag your legislators and thank them for their time. For Twitter handles, check the Hill Day section of the ACNM Annual Meeting webpage.

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Please Join Us at the 9th Annual Midwives-PAC Rally

When: Tuesday, May 21, 4 pm-6:30 pm

Where: Chesapeake A, Level 2

Ever year at the Annual Meeting, the Midwives-PAC holds an auction to raise funds for use in federal advocacy efforts. Silent auction items include art, books, jewelry, wine, and clothing. The live auction will feature a variety of unique items ranging from tea with the President of ACNM to vacation

packages. For those who would like to shop ahead of time, a list of silent and live auction items (with photos) is available. The ACNM Midwives-PAC is your voice in Congress. Our mission is to advance ACNM's federal policy agenda by facilitating the creation of relationships between legislators and midwives and by supporting legislators who have proven records on issues that matter to ACNM. The rally and auctions are the most significant fundraisers for the Midwives-PAC each year. Tickets can be purchased in advance at registration.