

2026 Legislative Priorities

Advancing Healthcare for Alaska



Alaska Hospital & Healthcare Association

For over 70 years, the Alaska Hospital & Healthcare Association (AHHA) has served as a non-profit trade association representing Alaska's hospitals, nursing homes, and a growing number of healthcare partners across the continuum of care. AHHA supports members in their roles as community providers and essential employers in cities, towns, and villages across Alaska.

Our mission is to advance the shared interests of Alaska healthcare to build an innovative, sustainable system of care for all Alaskans.

COVERAGE & SERVICES



A fully funded Medicaid program is crucial for Alaska's healthcare infrastructure and financial stability, providing essential coverage to the most vulnerable Alaskans. Cuts cause underpayments to providers, creating instability and a significant cost shift to private insurers, driving up healthcare costs for all Alaskans.

AHHA supports critical steps for health coverage and services:

- **Fully Funded** Medicaid Budget
- **Efficient and effective distribution** of Rural Health Transformation Funds
- **Systems planning** for OBBBA requirements starting Jan. 1, 2027



MODERNIZING HEALTHCARE LICENSING

Modernizing and streamlining healthcare licensing in Alaska is key to reducing the administrative friction on our healthcare workers. Implementing systems like interstate licensure compacts allows qualified providers to practice across state lines more efficiently, which is essential to recruitment, retention, and improved outcomes for our patients.

AHHA supports legislation for modernizing healthcare licensing:

- **HB 131 / SB 124** Multistate Nurse Licensure Compact
- **SB 172** Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact
- **HB 110** Social Work Licensure Compact
- **HB 241** Psychology Interstate Compact



COORDINATION & ACCESS

Effective coordination and access are foundational to a functional healthcare system. Streamlining complex systems to ensure Alaskans receive timely and appropriate services is essential to enhancing quality of care, reducing costs, and empowering Alaskans to live healthier, more complete lives.

AHHA supports legislation for healthcare coordination and access:

- **HB 27** Medical Care for Major Emergencies
- **HB 73 / SB 76** Complex Care Residential Homes
- **HB 195 / SB 147** Pharmacist Prescription Authority