

MHAPAC



MISSISSIPPI HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

TALKING POINTS

The following talking points are designed to assist you when asking your employees for contributions to the Mississippi Hospital Association's Political Action Committee (MHAPAC).

WHAT IS MHAPAC?

- MHAPAC is a non-profit, non-partisan, political action committee of the Mississippi Hospital Association. The PAC was created to preserve quality health care in our state, and to help pursue a stronger advocacy role and to achieve greater political potency for Mississippi's hospitals. Participation in MHAPAC is strictly voluntary.
- MHAPAC allows individuals to combine resources with peers who share their views. PAC contributions support candidates for elected office who champion critical issues to Mississippi's hospitals, health systems, and continuing care providers.
- MHAPAC sets an overall campaign goal every year. This year's goal is \$156,000. The deadline for contributions is December 12, 2014.
- A portion of contributions by hospital executives, volunteers and trustees are transferred to the American Hospital Association's Political Action Committee (AHAPAC) for support of federal campaigns.

WHAT DOES THE PAC DO?

- MHAPAC speaks on behalf of hospitals in a strong, unified voice-- more resources equals to increased power.
- The PAC helps pro-health care candidates to achieve or maintain public office.
- MHAPAC encourages active membership participation in the political process.
- The PAC Builds and maintains key relationships in both state and federal government with lawmakers who are supportive of your interests.

REASONS TO SUPPORT THE PAC

- As hospital employees, you and your job are affected by a wide variety of policies established at the federal, state and local levels.
- Decisions made by these elected officials directly affect our personal lives and our jobs as health care providers.
- Congressional and state legislators pass legislation, which could tremendously affect hospitals and health care delivery.
- Federal and state budget shortfalls continue growing and our health care community must be protected-- hospitals are already understaffed.

WHY SHOULD YOU DONATE?

- The PAC makes the health care community more effective. We need to send out a universal message and make our presence known.
- We must keep pace with other interest group PACs! Our future and the future of our patients is in our hands.
- Health care is at the forefront of public policy debates.
- Elected officials must understand that successful health care depends on enacting public policies that help us care for patients 24-7.
- Participating in the PAC helps us communicate to lawmakers the vital role that health care institutions and their hundreds of thousands of employees play in their communities every day.
- We are in a time of great political and economic uncertainty, and a time of great change in health care. If we do not participate in the political process, we risk being left out of the policy decisions.