



Open the Door to better health care Policy



Join HOSPAC.

*The Political
Action Committees
of the Texas Hospital
Association*



It's one thing to understand the **political issues** affecting **health care**, patients and providers.

It's another thing altogether to be able to **dialogue** with **political leaders** about how these issues will affect you, your work and the people you serve.

The difference is **relationships** – having the right ones with the **right people** who will open their doors and listen to what you have to say.

HOSPAC works hand-in-hand with the Texas Hospital Association and its member hospitals as they **build** these vital relationships with lawmakers. HOSPAC's job is to help keep the doors of influence open, so that lawmakers can hear our concerns and work toward **solutions**.

The stronger HOSPAC is, the more doors will open and the more **powerful** our **collective voice** will become.



*With every member,
HOSPAC's voice grows
stronger and doors
open wider.*



HOSPAC: Your key to better health care policy

HOSPAC is the political voice for you, your hospital and your patients. Together, we form the foundation upon which THA's advocacy team and its member hospitals work to build relationships, and to influence legislative and regulatory policy.

HOSPAC is made up of the state and federal political action committees of the Texas Hospital Association. The state HOSPAC was created in 1981; the federal HOSPAC was established in 1996. A 33-member Board of Directors, comprised of hospital and health care system leaders from across the state, governs both arms of HOSPAC. Today, as a unified organization, HOSPAC serves as the political voice for more than 355,000 health care professionals working in hospitals throughout Texas.

With grassroots membership, HOSPAC uses an informed and balanced approach to candidates and positions, emphasizing the hospital perspective on health care and other relevant issues.

HOSPAC accomplishes this by:

- **supporting candidates** who are best able to help improve health care policy;
- **sharing information** with members about candidates, as well as critical public-policy issues and processes; and
- **promoting the vote** and other political participation among our membership.

At the federal level, HOSPAC partners with the American Hospital Association to advocate for federal legislation that benefits Texas.

*Your voice is key to our call
for better health care policy.
Join HOSPAC today.*

THE DIFFERENCE: From membership to influence

Working with THA, HOSPAC makes a difference through grassroots participation, political campaign involvement and personal relationships with elected officials.

- **Grassroots participation means you** – your vote, your voice and your HOSPAC membership.
- **Political campaign involvement means support** – for candidates expected to be influential on health care issues, via endorsements and campaign contributions.

HOSPAC supports a broad base of candidates, because we represent a diverse and dynamic membership, and because many different types of candidates may be well-positioned to help Texas hospitals improve health care delivery and funding.

HOSPAC contributes to and endorses candidates only with careful deliberation and approval by the board, which considers:

- candidate recommendations from hospital and other community leaders;
- the candidate's knowledge, philosophy and position on health care issues, and his or her willingness to listen to local hospital input; and
- district demographics.

- **Personal relationships means opportunity** – to talk with elected officials about what's important in health care today.

Your membership supports candidates who, as elected officials, offer us the opportunity to weigh in on the issues and policies affecting our hospitals and the communities we serve.

*You make the difference.
Join HOSPAC today.*





THE BENEFITS:

From appreciation to access

Influencing the outcome of health care policy is critically important, but HOSPAC membership offers other benefits, too!

As a HOSPAC member, you'll receive:

- **prominent recognition and appreciation** for your demonstration of industry leadership;
- **timely information you need to know** about candidates, elected officials, issues and events via a free subscription to the *HOSPAC Notes* newsletter and other communications;
- **exclusive invitations** to special Leadership Receptions and other events;
- **face-to-face meeting opportunities** with crucial lawmakers on behalf of Texas hospitals; and
- **the chance to be part of the top tier of health care leaders** who are directing their contributions to the issues they care about most.

Additionally, *all* HOSPAC members – through their support of effective policymakers and THA's advocacy team – help facilitate the passage of legislation that will:

- reform the health care system;
- create more affordable, accessible health insurance coverage for all;
- grow the health care workforce;
- promote quality care and patient safety; and
- address provider reimbursement concerns.

HOSPAC is highly effective. And with every member, our voice grows stronger, doors open wider, and we can do even more, even better.

***Be part of the solution.
Join HOSPAC today.***



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Appreciation:

The Benefits of HOSPAC Membership

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Leadership Levels

All Leadership Level members receive prominent recognition listing on displays and materials at the THA Leadership Conference and other year-round THA events, as well as in THA and HOSPAC publications and board reports.

AMBASSADOR (\$2,000)

- Host Committee recognition and four guest passes for all Leadership Receptions
- AHAPAC recognition and benefits at the Ben Franklin Club* level, which includes an invitation to the private AHAPAC Ben Franklin Club Reception with celebrated special guest, an invitation to the AHAPAC Capitol Club Gala Reception with members of Congress, a Ben Franklin Club lapel pin and exclusive gift, and special recognition at AHA events year-round

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL (\$1,500)

- Host Committee recognition and three guest passes for all Leadership Receptions
- AHAPAC recognition and benefits at the Ben Franklin Club* level (see Ambassador level)

MILLENNIUM LEADER (\$1,000)

- Host Committee recognition and two guest passes for all Leadership Receptions
- AHAPAC recognition and benefits at the Ben Franklin Club* level (see Ambassador level)

CHAIRMAN'S CLUB (\$500)

- Leadership recognition and one guest pass for all Leadership Receptions
- AHAPAC recognition and benefits at the Chairman's Circle* level, which includes an invitation to the Capitol Club Gala Reception with members of Congress, a Chairman's Circle lapel pin and exclusive pen, and special recognition at AHA events year-round

General Membership

CAPITOL CLUB (\$350)

- Recognition listing in THA and HOSPAC publications and board reports
- AHAPAC recognition and benefits at the Capitol Club* level, which includes an invitation to the Capitol Club Gala Reception with members of Congress, a Capitol Club lapel pin, and special recognition at AHA events year-round

CENTURY CLUB (\$100)

- Recognition listing in HOSPAC publications and on HOSPAC Web site

FRIEND (\$50)

- Recognition listing in HOSPAC publications

Additionally, all HOSPAC members receive a subscription to *HOSPAC Notes*, exclusive invitations to HOSPAC events, face-to-face meeting opportunities with key decision-makers, and the chance to belong to Texas' top tier of health care leaders who are directing their contributions to the issues they care about most.

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Membership Form

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YES! I want to join HOSPAC.

Please enroll me at the following membership level:

Leadership Levels

- \$2,000 – Ambassador* \$1,000 – Millennium Leader*
 \$1,500 – President's Council* \$500 – Chairman's Club*

General Membership

- \$350 – Capitol Club* \$50 – Friend
 \$100 – Century Club Other \$ _____

*AHAPAC and HOSPAC offer reciprocal membership benefits at these levels.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Full name: _____

Title: _____

Relationship to hospitals:

- Hospital Staff Trustee Friend of Hospital

Organization name: _____

E-mail address: _____

Direct daytime phone: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

My check is enclosed.

Please charge my credit card for:

- a one-time contribution of \$ _____
a recurring monthly contribution of:
 \$165 – Ambassador \$83 – Millennium Leader
 \$125 – President's Council \$41 – Chairman's Club

I authorize HOSPAC to charge this amount monthly to the following credit card until I terminate this agreement in writing:

Signature: _____

Date: _____ VISA MasterCard AMEX

Credit card number: _____

Expiration date: _____

Cardholder name: _____

Billing address: _____

Signature: _____

Once complete, please return this form
by mail or fax to:

HOSPAC

P.O. Box 679010
Austin, TX 78767-9010

Secure FAX: 512/692-2825

Or you can complete our online membership form
in just minutes at www.HOSPAC.org

- Contributions or gifts to political action committees (PACs) are not tax-deductible.
- State and federal law require PACs to report the name, address, occupation and employer of individuals whose contributions exceed \$200 within a calendar year.
- Your decision to participate is voluntary and will not affect any element of your employment.
- To be eligible to participate in HOSPAC Federal and receive AHAPAC benefits, solicitation authorization must be on file with HOSPAC.
- Eligible contributions are directed toward HOSPAC Federal until it reaches its annual goal. Otherwise, contributions are directed toward HOSPAC State, to which everyone may contribute.

