

New York Joins National Push for Care at Home

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HCP joined more than 240 care-at-home advocates from across the country as they collectively met with over 275 congressional offices during the 2025 National Alliance for Care at Home's inaugural Advocacy Week in Washington, DC. The event united leaders, advocates, and supporters to speak with one voice for care at home, driving positive legislative change and shaping the future of services that allow Americans to live independently and with dignity.

New York State was especially well represented, with a dozen participants bringing our state's perspective to Washington. HCP's Vice President of Public Policy Laura Ehrich joined the effort, meeting with staff from the offices of Senators Kirsten Gillibrand and Chuck Schumer, and the offices of Representatives Nick Langworthy and Paul Tonko. These conversations reinforced the importance of federal support for Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS), hospice, and home health services, while underscoring how national policy decisions directly affect providers and families here in New York.

Advocates from across the country focused their meetings on four key priorities:

- Securing robust Medicaid HCBS funding to strengthen community-based care
- Preventing harmful home health payment cuts
- Protecting the integrity of the Medicare Hospice Benefit
- Expanding telehealth access for care at home services

In addition to Hill meetings, participants took part in strategy sessions, policy briefings, and a lively gathering of the Alliance's Assembly of State Associations. In the Assembly, leaders from across the country shared strategies for amplifying the voice of home care. Representing NYS and bringing HCP's voice to the table, Laura actively participated in expert training sessions and team-strengthening activities. During a small-group discussion, HCP's internal proofing and editing practices proved helpful to other states, offering a model they could adapt to strengthen their own processes.

The success of this first-ever Advocacy Week demonstrates just how critical these conversations are, and how powerful our collective voice can be in advancing care at home.

