

# **Taking New York Voices to Washington**

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## ***National Advocacy Day***

Today, HCP's Vice President of Public Policy Laura Ehrich is heading to Washington, DC, to take part in the National Alliance for Care at Home's (NAHC) inaugural Advocacy Week. This first-of-its-kind event brings together state association leaders, providers, and advocates from across the country to meet with lawmakers and deliver a unified message: protect and strengthen care at home.

## ***Representing New York State***

During her time on Capitol Hill, Laura will be making visits with key members of New York's congressional delegation, including:

- Senator Chuck Schumer
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
- Representative Nick Langworthy
- Representative Paul Tonko
- Representative Claudia Tenney

She will be joining a strong coalition of New York organizations, including BAYADA, CareFirst, Helios Care, the Hospice and Palliative Care Association of New York State, MJHS Hospice and Palliative Care, Modivcare, Vitas Healthcare, and VNS Health. Together, they will carry the voices of providers, patients, and families from across the state.

## ***Our National Priorities***

As part of the Alliance, participants will be speaking with one voice about critical issues affecting access to care at home:

- **Safeguard Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)** so older adults and people with disabilities can receive care at home instead of facing institutionalization
- **Protect Home Health Care** by opposing the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) proposed 9% cut in the CY 2026 rule and supporting the [Home Health Stabilization Act of 2025](#) (H.R. 5142)
- **Keep Hospice Out of Medicare Advantage**, preserving patient choice and ensuring dignified, barrier-free end-of-life care
- **Make Telehealth Flexibilities Permanent** through the [CONNECT for Health Act](#) (H.R. 4206 / S. 1261), ensuring equitable access to care for seniors in rural, urban, and underserved areas

## ***Why It Matters***

For millions of Americans and hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers, care at home is not just a preference, it's a lifeline. From hospice and palliative care to home health and HCBS, these services allow people to remain in the comfort of their homes while receiving the quality, person-centered care they deserve.

Our united effort during Advocacy Week will make sure Congress hears that message clearly: invest in care at home, protect patient access, and support the workforce that makes it possible.