

2024

Federal Advocacy Priorities



The 2024 Federal Advocacy Plan was developed based on issues important to our members. We listen to the concerns of our members while keeping tabs on the pulse of emerging federal issues.

Aging at Home & Long-Term Care

SAC will work with all levels of government and decision-makers to help them understand how speech-language pathology and audiology services and professionals help Canadians and their caregivers age at home safely and with dignity. Changes to policy, program, and legislation related to the aging population and those in long-term care should take into consideration how our professions assist with speech, language, swallowing, hearing disorders, and communication accessibility.



Expansion of Insurance Coverage

Insurance coverage needs to increase to reflect increasing costs and adequately cover services and treatments to reduce out-of-pocket costs for patients. SAC will work with decision-makers, insurance companies, and employers to address the expansion of insurance coverage, specifically for speech-language and audiology services.



Health Human Resources

SAC will raise awareness of the challenges related to our professions to ensure that any efforts by decision-makers on retention and recruitment for health professionals include speech-language pathology and audiology.



Improved Services for Indigenous Peoples

SAC will develop key relationships with decision-makers and Indigenous organizations to lead efforts for better service delivery and efficiency for service providers within NIHB and Jordan's Principle. The information SAC provides members on these programs and communities will have an indigenous lens.

