



**WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE  
FUTURE OF REHABILITATION**

**AMRPA**

AMERICAN MEDICAL REHABILITATION PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION

**AMRPA: THE LEADING VOICE FOR  
INPATIENT REHABILITATION**

**The American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association (AMRPA)** is the nation's only organization dedicated to inpatient rehabilitation hospitals and units (IRH/Us) and outpatient rehabilitation providers. We serve as a critical resource for our members and represent our field before Congress, the Administration and other policymakers.

**Our mission is powerful:** To advocate, educate, communicate and conduct research to support the needs of the more than 1150 medical rehabilitation providers across the country – and to preserve patient access to the quality care they deliver.

To achieve this, we have set forth a proactive policy agenda in Washington, D.C. We monitor legislative and regulatory activity that may impact IRH/Us, and prepare and issue responses as needed. We share timely information and analysis with our members and work closely together to ensure not only our patients' access to care, but the very future of medical rehabilitation.

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Armed with the most up-to-date information and insight, AMRPA members are able to respond quickly to industry changes, and are more successful in meeting operational challenges.

Our strength lies in our numbers:



Of the more than 1150 IRH/Us professionals across the country, 70% are AMRPA members



Over 750 industry professionals attend our multiple national and regional conferences each year.



Since 2009, AMRPA has released more than 30 comment letters each year.

What does this mean? More and more providers, large and small, are benefiting from AMRPA membership, and raising their voices in unison to fight for medical rehabilitation.

**BE PREPARED FOR TOMORROW.  
JOIN US TODAY!**

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## ADVOCACY

AMRPA represents the interests of medical rehabilitation through a proactive policy agenda in Washington, D.C. We monitor the development and implementation of federal legislation, public laws, regulations and policies that may impact our field – and advocate tirelessly on your behalf.

We target a wide range of issues and policy priorities, including:

- Reducing Administrative Burdens & Unfair Penalty Structures
- Ensuring Payment Adequacy
- Protecting Patient Access
- Improving Medical Necessity Reviews
- Federal budget proposals, Medicare payment policies and payment cuts, and Medicare Advantage laws
- CMS IRF PPS rules and coverage criteria
- IRF Quality measures assessment and development
- Payment reform, including bundling, accountable care organizations (ACOs), value-based purchasing (VBP), site-neutral payment, the Continuing Care Hospital model, and the Continuing Care Network model
- Compliance regulations such as the 60% Rule and the 3-Hour Rule
- Recovery Audit Contractors (RACs) and Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) backlog challenges and reform
- Implementation of the Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation (IMPACT) Act of 2014
- Research and demonstration projects on the future of post-acute care services
- Outpatient therapy caps and payment alternatives

But advocacy cannot reach its full potential with AMRPA's efforts alone. It's the voice of our members and medical rehabilitation patients that resonates most with policymakers. AMRPA will assist you with talking points and strategies, educational materials, Congressional background and biographies, and more to support your outreach.

“Being an AMRPA member is a kind of insurance policy, one that safeguards patient access.”

— Gregg Stanley



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## EDUCATION

AMRPA hosts two annual conferences each year to review and target current legislative, regulatory, operational, financial, and strategic issues. Our sponsored events provide a unique opportunity for members to network with colleagues and industry leaders and discuss issues of common interest. The association also hosts educational webinars throughout the year and quarterly Members-Only Calls focused on these issues.

- Annual Fall Educational Conference & Expo
- Congressional Hill Visits
- Education Certification Program
- Executive Leadership Forum
- Medical Directors Symposium
- Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospital Boot Camp
- Webinars: Live and On-Demand



– Roseann Sdoia, Boston Marathon Bombing Survivor

“The value equation that AMRPA provides is clear: They use our collective voices as rehabilitation providers to move rehabilitation in a positive direction so it is an available service for people now and in the future.”

– Bob Bianchi



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## COMMUNICATION

Members are kept apprised of all significant policy, legislative and regulatory matters through a variety of channels:

- Off the Record, a weekly e-newsletter, offers a summary of current legislative and regulatory issues and is available to members.
- AMRPA's podcast, Medical Rehab Matters, discusses some of the conditions treated and therapies used in inpatient medical rehab hospitals and units while addressing some of the legislative and regulatory issues that impact patients, their families, and caregivers. Biweekly episodes are available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Stitcher, iHeartRadio and online, at <https://amrpa.org/podcast>.
- Action Advisory Alerts notify members of urgent issues and mobilize national responses to stimulate Congressional action.
- Member's Only Calls provide timely information on emerging policy developments and issues, and organize follow-up tactics.
- Networking opportunities, both in-person and through online social media platforms. Find AMRPA on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter, or on our Members-Only community forum, Engage AMRPA: <https://engage.amrpa.org/home>
- Website hosts member's only access to information, presentations, data and other materials, including job postings, payable online invoices, as well as a Membership Directory and a Find a Provider search tool, at [www.amrpa.org](http://www.amrpa.org)



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## SUPPORT & PARTICIPATION

AMRPA provides information and education, as well as tools and operational support, to successfully navigate today's challenging, and ever-changing, health care environment.

- Data is collected, analyzed and disseminated to keep members on top of national and regional trends and prepared for any changes.
  - Tool kits are developed and distributed to assist members with key issues, such as the Medicare Appeals Process.
  - AMRPA staff are available to help access information or provide expertise on business and operational issues.
  - Active involvement is vital in helping drive AMRPA's advocacy agenda, and members are encouraged to serve on AMRPA committees and/or the Board of Directors.
  - The AMRPA Political Action Committee (PAC) is working to elect candidates that will help advance the field of medical rehabilitation and support the medical rehabilitation needs of persons with disabilities.
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“Patients have always been – and will always continue to be – the overarching focus of our Association’s advocacy efforts. We seek to protect patients’ access to vital inpatient rehabilitation services and educate policymakers on unique and critical role that inpatient rehabilitation plays in the post-acute care sector.”

– Kate Beller, JD | AMRPA

“AMRPA’s strength lies in its membership, and the shared commitment to preserve and protect medical rehabilitation for the patients we serve.”

— Bruce Gans, MD

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## RESEARCH & DATA

AMRPA supports research to advance the field and develop both evidence-based practice and public policy. A primary example is the Dobson/DaVanzo study,<sup>1</sup> a multi-year retrospective analysis that demonstrated that patients treated in IRH/Us experience better outcomes than those treated in skilled nursing facilities (SNFs).

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<sup>1</sup> Dobson DaVanzo; Assessment of Patient Outcomes of Rehabilitative Care in Inpatient



**In addition, AMRPA offers two key subscription-based services:**

- **eRehabData®** is a highly acclaimed resource that delivers real-time clinical and financial analytics, outcomes measures, and a CMS-compliant patient assessment system, along with the tools essential to managing IRF-PAI data and sustaining rehabilitation programs and services.
- **AMRPA Post-Acute Care Market Analysis Reports** provides geo-targeted intelligence on acute hospital to post-acute referral patterns; the penetration of the BPCI initiative and CJR payment models in local markets; and strategies to become an episode initiator or network member of a bundled payment participating acute care hospital.





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