

AMRPA

AMERICAN MEDICAL REHABILITATION PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION



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The American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association (AMRPA) is the only national voluntary trade association that exclusively advocates for and represents the inpatient rehabilitation facility field (IRFs). Our membership currently exceeds 800 IRFs, including both freestanding inpatient rehabilitation hospitals and inpatient rehabilitation units within acute care hospitals and long-term care hospitals, as well as state hospital associations and other important stakeholders.

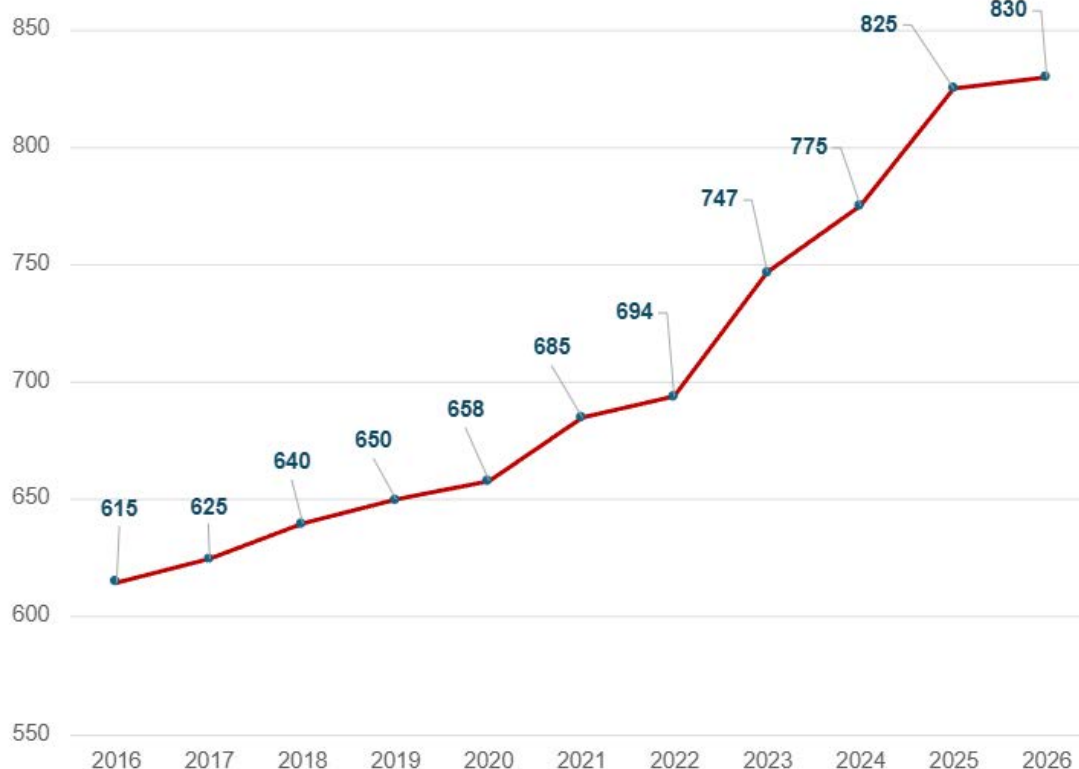
We serve as a critical resource for our members and represent the IRF field before the United States Congress, the Administration, and other policymakers. Our mission is powerful: To advocate, educate, communicate, and conduct research to support the needs of medical rehabilitation providers across the country – and to preserve patient access to the quality care they deliver.

To achieve this, we have set forth a proactive – and ever-evolving-policy agenda in Washington, D.C. We monitor, assess, and educate members on the legislative and regulatory activity that may impact IRFs, and prepare strategic responses the represent the entire field. We share timely information and analysis with our members and work closely together to protect patients’ access to care and advance future of medical rehabilitation in a mercurial policy climate.

Equipped with the most up-to-date information and insight, AMRPA members can respond quickly to industry changes within their own hospitals, and are more successful in meeting operational, clinical and compliance challenges.

What does this mean? AMRPA’s membership is at an all-time high. More and more providers, large and small, are benefiting from AMRPA membership, and raising their voices in unison to fight for medical rehabilitation.

AMRPA Membership



Advocacy

Every year, AMRPA leaders and staff come together to set a robust – yet annually achievable - policy agenda in Washington, D.C. Our success is driven by our volunteer leadership, counsel and staff team, who work to ensure that AMRPA is a leading voice on issues ranging from quality reporting to IRF oversight programs to payment reform. We directly engage on 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:

- Ensuring Payment Adequacy for IRFs
- Protecting Patient Access to Care Due to Payer Tactics or Oversight Programs
- The IRF Review Choice Demonstration (RCD)
- Improving Medical Necessity Reviews
- Reducing Administrative and Documentation Burdens
- Mitigating Unfair Penalty Structures
- IRF Quality Reporting Program Measure Assessment & Development
- Compliance with and Modernization of Coverage Regulations (such as the 60% Rule and the Three-Hour Rule)
- Medicare Advantage and Prior Authorization Reform
- Annual Federal Appropriations Proposals
- Alternative Payment Models (e.g., the Transforming Episode Accountability Model)
- Research and Innovation in Medical Rehabilitation
- Medicare Audits and Federal Oversight Programs

It's the voice of our members and medical rehabilitation patients that resonates most with policymakers, and our advocacy is enhanced by our growing membership. As a member, AMRPA will assist you with talking points and strategies, educational materials, Congressional background and biographies, and more to support your outreach.



Education

Our educational events, both in-person and virtual, provide a unique opportunity for members to network with colleagues and industry leaders and discuss issues of common interest.

Annual Fall Educational Conference & Expo

The Fall Educational Conference & Expo highlights innovative strategies, advocacy efforts, and best practices for inpatient rehabilitation hospitals and units, outpatient rehabilitation centers, and other medical rehabilitation providers. The conference features 88 concurrent sessions, 8 plenary sessions, 60 poster presentations, and three pre-conference workshops:

- **IRF Boot Camp** - An in-depth workshop for IRF managers and medical directors focused on rules and regulation basics, leadership challenges, and practical applications.
- **Pediatric Rehabilitation Workshop** - A new workshop dedicated to the unique experience and challenges of Pediatric Rehabilitation.
- **eRehabData Expert Analytics and Operations Symposium** - A specialized workshop for eRehabData subscribers, exploring analytics and operational strategies to optimize performance.

Join us along with 600+ attendees at the 2026 Fall Educational Conference & Expo in Austin, TX, September 27 - 30, 2026.

AMRPA Fall Conference Attendance



*In 2020 and 2021 AMRPA Fall Conferences were virtual due to COVID pandemic.



Annual Spring Conference & Congressional Fly-In

The Spring Conference & Congressional Fly-In takes place in Washington, DC each year. This unique event brings together medical rehabilitation professionals, industry leaders, federal agency officials, and members of Congress to discuss legislation, regulations, and emerging policy priorities impacting rehabilitation care. Attendees also have the opportunity to take part in these featured events:

- **Congressional Fly-In** - Attendees from AMRPA member hospitals are accompanied by AMRPA staff on Hill Visits to meet directly with legislators and congressional staff to advocate for the most pressing issues affecting inpatient rehabilitation hospitals.
- **Sumit for Transforming Inpatient Rehabilitation (STIR)** - A pre-conference workshop designed for both clinicians and administrators, providing advanced training and dynamic discussion on rehabilitation management.

Advanced IRF Boot Camp

AMRPA offers a two-day virtual workshop each June, featuring practical insights and real-world approaches to improving patient outcomes, enhancing workflow efficiency, and navigating an increasingly complex healthcare landscape.

Members Only Calls

AMRPA Membership Calls are held quarterly and provide timely updates on emerging issues affecting the rehabilitation field. Hosted virtually, these calls offer members the opportunity to hear from industry leaders and AMRPA's policy team on key developments and advocacy priorities.



Certification

Medical Rehabilitation Management Certification (MRMC)

The AMRPA certification program is designed to support new leaders and promote consistency and professionalism in rehabilitation management. The exam is designed not only for current medical rehabilitation managers, but for clinicians and professionals who wish to advance their careers by moving into rehabilitation management roles.

Launched in 2021, this challenging and rewarding certification continues to grow with over 300 applicants from over 90 member organizations who have pursued the Medical Rehabilitation Management Certification. AMRPA offers two application and exam windows, spring and fall, for qualified candidates to invest in their career development and demonstrate their commitment to medical rehabilitation management.

Communication

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

- Off the Record, a weekly newsletter, offers a timely summary of current happenings on Capitol Hill, in the Administration, and across the inpatient rehabilitation field.
- Medical Rehab Monthly, AMRPA's monthly newsletter, provides a deeper dive into the most important legislative and regulatory issues impacting our members. Both Off the Record and Medical Rehab Monthly are available to all AMRPA members and archived on the AMRPA website for past editions.
- Special Member Alerts are sent via email to educate members on the most urgent issues facing our field, including calls to action for engagement with Congress and the Administration, deep dives on the release of the annual IRF payment rule, and other opportunities to mobilize a national response on behalf of the field.
- "Members Only" Calls are held quarterly by AMRPA leadership and staff to provide timely information on emerging policy developments and association issues, with the opportunity to discuss live questions and answers on key topics.

- Networking opportunities in-person at our two annual conferences.
- Connect with AMRPA on LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter.
- Member Digest is a monthly newsletter and your connection to the latest news, programs, events, and member highlights from across the AMRPA community.
- [AMRPA's Patient Information Center](#) is a tool to help you identify how to find the right provider for you or your loved one, understand why choosing an inpatient rehabilitation hospital or unit may be your best choice, and determine questions to ask before you make your choice.

The AMRPA website contains members-only resources, including access to information, presentations, data, and other materials, such as our IRF Review Choice Demonstration (RCD) hub page, toolkits for challenging Medicare Advantage denials and IRF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) penalties, analysis of key annual rulemaking for rehabilitation hospitals, AMRPA's Membership Directory and Congressional Search Tool, and much more.



AMRPA Board of Directors, October 2025

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.

- AMRPA staff are available to help access information or provide expertise on business, compliance, and operational issues.
- Toolkits are developed and distributed to assist members with key issues, such as the Medicare Advantage Appeals Process and the IRF QRP Penalty Reconsideration Process.
- Data is collected, analyzed, and disseminated to keep members on top of national and regional trends and prepared for any changes.
- 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) works to elect candidates that will help advance the field of medical rehabilitation and support the medical rehabilitation needs of persons with disabilities.

eRehabData[®]

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.

Using eRehabData[®] ensures your hospital's data and unique case mix are represented as part of AMRPA's advocacy efforts. eRehabData[®] has been used as a source of information for comments and conversations with MedPAC, CMS, and Congress. Because eRehabData[®] is owned by AMRPA, your subscription is used to promote the interests of rehabilitation providers and supports AMRPA's legislative effectiveness and economic health.

eRehabData[®]'s optional Patient Satisfaction System gives you a window into a valuable source of new admissions: personal referrals. Our rehab-specific satisfaction surveys and nightly outcomes reports track detailed impressions during the entire patient experience.

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