

Texas Ambulatory Surgery Center Society (TASCS)

Legislative & PAC Activities

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Our Legislative Team

WHAT WE DO

Congress Avenue Partners keeps TASCs abreast of the rapidly changing regulatory landscape.

Congress Avenue Partners guides the Society's legislative strategy and advocates for the Society at the Capitol.



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What were we up against last session?

- **Punitive legislation** aimed at other providers that could inadvertently affect ASCs. 
 - Legislation curbing **balance billing** without appropriate provider input. 
 - Legislation that impacts ASC **operations and procedures**, possibly resulting in administrative costs. 
 - Protecting ASC providers from being **de-listed** by health plans due to out of network referrals. 
- i.e. Eliminating state level reporting requirements by ASCs which has implications on the federal level.
 - i.e. Eliminating balance billing could hurt providers and facilities and undermines negotiating position with MCOS.
 - i.e. Imposing training & reporting policies that could be costly to ASCs.
 - i.e. Establishing a cause of action for being de-listed or preventing plans that de-lists physicians from bidding for state health contracts

What are we working on this interim?

- **Facility tours** and policy briefings for key Texas legislators.
- **Rules** implementing balance billing modifications in Texas as a result of S.B. 1264.
- **Defending** against legislation that hurts patients and providers.
- **Educating** the Legislature on how policies impact ASC operations and personnel.
- **Raising awareness** about the good work done by ASCs in providing lower cost, higher quality health care.

Our PAC Supports our Legislative Efforts

A Political Action Committee (PAC) pools campaign contributions from several individuals to magnify their effectiveness and help influence elections.

The larger budget and louder voice a PAC provides helps to make every dollar donated go farther toward a community's legislative goals than several separate individual donations could.



Why Give to the TASCs PAC?

Texas PACs are highly regulated and all expenditures and contributions are reported to the Texas Ethics Commission. Legislators make \$600 per month, and running for office is expensive. Supporting legislators in their re-election efforts is a huge value to TASCs efforts at the state capitol.

Many regulations that ASCs and physicians follow are crafted at the state level, not the federal level. What happens in session could have an immediate and profound impact on your center's practice. A single bill passed in a single session could have serious impacts on your center for years to come. That's why it is crucial to have constant oversight from a legislative team and sufficient PAC resources for intervention efforts.



EVERY DOLLAR HELPS!!

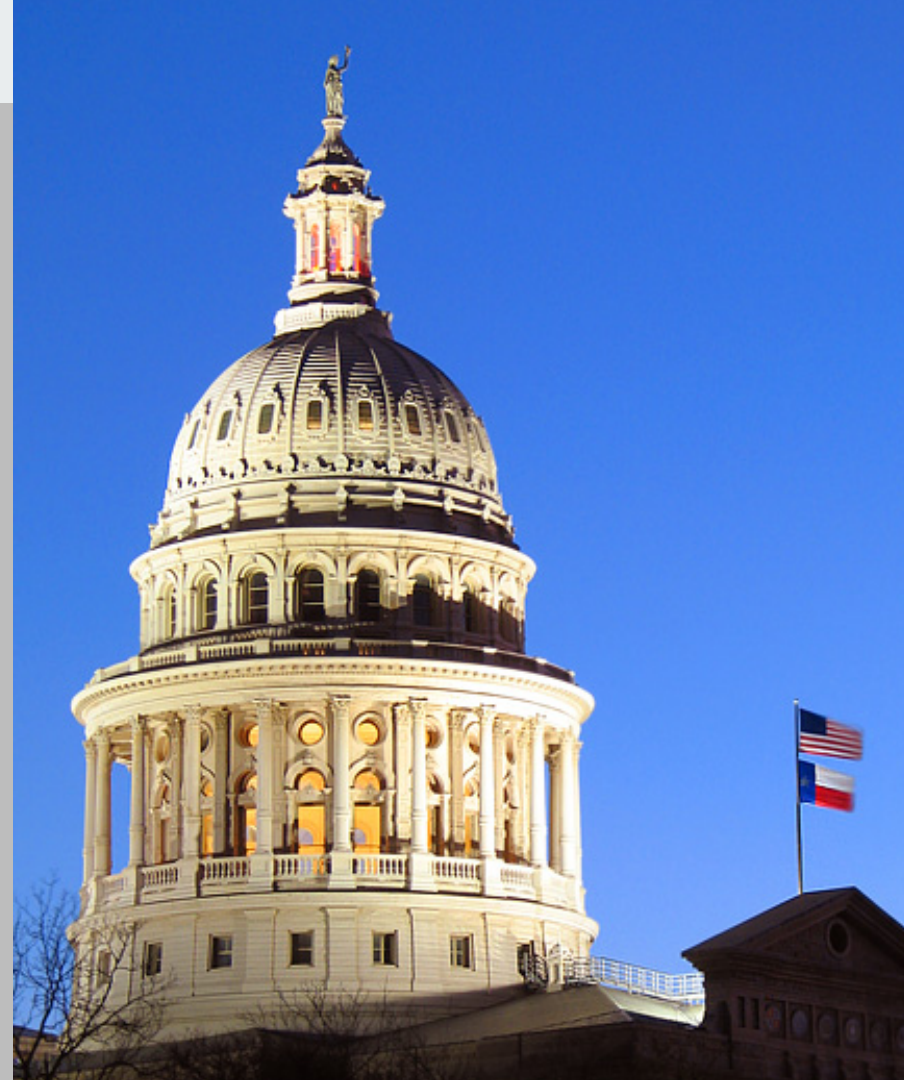
Our competition includes the Health Plans, Hospitals and Freestanding ERs – each of whom give hundreds of thousands! Our fundraising goal for the ASC industry for 2020 is \$50,000. **To achieve this, we are asking each facility to raise \$500 in 2020.**

Facility donations **may not be** corporate dollars (but giving by Professional Associations (PA), Professional Corporations (PC), Limited Liability Companies (LLC), Professional Limited Liability Companies (PLLC) and individuals is allowed). Contributions can be automatically deducted monthly through credit cards or bank accounts.



Don't get thrown under the bus. Protect your ASC against overregulation and punitive legislation.

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to protect your practice
and your patients.



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