

# SCSHA Public Policy Agenda 2023

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## **Mission-Driven Advocacy**

**Medicaid and the MCOs:** Continue working with DHHS to advocate for policy changes in BabyNet and Medicaid, CPT code updates and additions, and reimbursement rate increases.

**Practice Act Bill:** Propose updates to the practice act to restructure and rename the SLP Intern; work with audiologists to advocate for statutory updates.

**Educator Certificate:** Work with SCDE to update Department of Education regulations with positive changes on the educator certificate for SLPs.

**Read to Succeed:** Support bills that remove scope of practice encroachment, and advocate for programs which consider SLP perspectives in language and literacy requirements.

**BabyNet:** Working to improve program quality and patient safety to ensure there is equitable access to high quality care for early intervention in South Carolina, and advocate to align the EI system with professional and regulatory standards.

## **Policy and other issues we are discussing:**

- Medicaid expansion
- DHHS
- Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and regulatory updates
- Education regulations
- Educator Certification
- Read to Succeed