

NAHU Washington Update

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TIMED OUTLINE

This course was developed to meet the education training requirements and provide students with 1 hour of continuing education.

Course Overview: The session examines legislative and regulatory actions taken by Congress and federal agencies in response to COVID-19 and the role that NAHU is having in this process; Outlook on the administration; priorities for the new 117th Congress; The American Rescue Plan and the American Families Plan; Implications of a 50-50 Senate; 2022 Mid-term Election overview; major regulatory actions that have been taken and are expected in the near-term and later; Health provisions in Build Back Better Act; NAHU federal priorities; and how NAHU members, the overall agent/broker community, and employers can get involved.

Learning Objectives: Upon completion of the course, the participant will know:

- The political basis for how policymaking may be affected as the result of COVID-19, including NAHU's strategies to achieve policy goals;
- Specific policy proposals that have been and are under consideration or are being developed by Congress and the Administration;
- The political background, changes and processes that are leading to particular actions being made and how NAHU works to influence these processes;
- Policy positions of the association in affecting change in health reform at both the legislative and regulatory levels and how those positions are developed;
- Tools and resources for becoming active and engaged in these processes.

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- I. **2021-2022 Congressional Outlook** (20 minutes)
 - a. Political Landscape
 - i. House
 - ii. Senate
 - b. Implications of 50-50 Senate & Dem House
 - i. Policy
 - ii. Key groups
 - iii. Filibuster
 - iv. Reconciliation
 - c. Mid-term election overview
 - i. Senate
 - ii. House
 - d. American Rescue Plan
 - i. Exchange Subsidies
 - ii. COBRA
 - iii. Dependent-Care FSAs
 - iv. Other Provisions
 - e. Infrastructure bill
 - f. Second Budget Reconciliation
 - i. Build Back Better Act
 - ii. Health care provisions
 - g. 117th Congress Healthcare Policy Outlook
 - i. ACA
 - ii. Drug Pricing
 - iii. What Else Could Happen?
 - h. Medicare Sequester
 - i. 2021 NAHU submitted testimony
- II. **Regulatory Outlook** (15 minutes)
 - a. January 2021 Executive Order
 - b. July 2021 Executive Order
 - c. 2022 Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters
 - d. Surprise Billing Interim Final Rule
 - e. Broker Compensation Disclosure
 - f. NAHU submitted comment letters
- III. **NAHU Federal Priorities** (15 minutes)
 - a. Employer Issues
 - i. Preserve Employer Tax Exclusion
 - ii. Employer Reporting
 - b. Market Stabilizers
 - c. Single-Payer/Public Option
 - d. Medicare
 - i. COBRA as Creditable Coverage
 - ii. Observation Status
- IV. **What you can do** (5 minutes)
 - a. Join us
 - b. Stay Informed and engaged

- i. Washington Update
- ii. NAHU Newswire
- iii. Podcast
- iv. Operation Shout!
- v. HUPAC Contribution
- vi. Tools and Resources

V. Q&A (5 minutes)