

Timeline of Academy/ADA Discussions on the Audiology Patient Choice Act in the 115th Congress:

<p>November-December 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy leadership spoke to ADA leadership about broadening Academy support for this bill. • ADA leaders offered that the Academy could review the legislation in its current draft and pose questions for consideration. • Academy leadership convened a small group of individuals to review the legislation and develop questions to the ADA. • The Academy workgroup reviewed legislation and discussed potential questions from late December 2016 to January 2017.
<p>January 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Academy work group submitted questions to the ADA on January 27, 2017. ADA acknowledges receipt of questions.
<p>March 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Academy, ASHA, and ADA met at the HIA meeting in Washington, DC. The Audiology Patient Choice Act (APCA) was not discussed. • The Academy received no formal response to questions posed in January.
<p>May 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ADA introduced the House version of the APCA
<p>July 2017</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of July 1, the Academy received no response from ADA to the questions submitted in January. • The Academy Board of Directors' July meetings included discussion of the legislation and identification of a need for a response from the ADA. • After the July Board meeting, the Academy president contacts the ADA president to inquire on the status of the questions submitted in January. ADA responds that they had prepared answers to Academy questions before the HIA meeting in March, though no answers were received by the Academy. The ADA then sent the responses to the Academy in July 2017. • Academy staff had done extensive outreach to congressional offices regarding the legislation, including members of the House Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means Committees, the committees with jurisdiction over this legislation. Committee staff informed the Academy that this was not a legislative priority in the 115th Congress and was unlikely to pass. • The Academy leadership reviewed the ADA responses to our questions and concluded that they did not definitively address our concerns. The Academy did not move forward

	with endorsement of this legislation.
March-April 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The APCA was introduced in the Senate. • The Academy, ASHA, and ADA met at the HIA meeting in Washington, DC. The APCA was not on the meeting agenda, although informal discussions took place between Academy and ADA leadership. • Academy staff did further exploration with congressional offices of the interest in the legislation and feasibility for passage. Academy staff also contacted the office of a Senate co-sponsor to clarify intention of the bill relative to information in the media. • The Academy board met and included discussion of the bill on the agenda. In weighing the benefits and potential risks of the bill, the board opted not to sign on in support of the bill. The board codified goals of supporting improved access to audiology services and being recognized and reimbursed for performing our full scope of practice under the Medicare program and across private payers. • Members of Academy leadership and ADA leadership met informally at AAA Nashville. Academy leadership inquired about modification of the APCA, though no formal written request has been made at this time. • The Academy continues exploration of legislative strategies to advance priorities for the profession. • The Academy contacts CMS to schedule a meeting to discuss questions relative to the APCA and lay the groundwork to advance the goals set forth in the April board meeting.