

# BDASC State Advocacy Days

## March 8 - 9, 2022

BDASC will be holding its 13th Annual Advocacy and State Legislative Days during March as part of the National Bleeding Disorder Awareness Month. BDASC, along with our national partners, will be hosting advocacy training sessions leading up to the event. This important advocacy event fosters educational awareness with state legislators on the effects living with bleeding disorders can have on families. Health care access continues to be a threat to accessing high cost medications. We need YOU to help us share the impact this may have on the quality of life for those with bleeding disorders. You will have the opportunity to have important discussions and to ask for support on key areas of concern for access to affordable treatment care. Since its inception, our State Capitol Advocacy Days have provided for over 500 individual meetings with the South Carolina House of Representatives and our State Senators from districts throughout the state. These meetings are of key importance in helping our elected officials understand our communities unique needs while asking for support of our state programs that provide a safety net to those in need.

Advocacy training is provided in partnership with our national organizations; The National Hemophilia Foundation, Hemophilia Federation of America, National Organization for Rare Disease (NORD), our stakeholders, and other local and national advocacy partners. Additional information about our State Advocacy Days can be found at [tinyurl.com/BDASCSD2022](https://tinyurl.com/BDASCSD2022). Registration deadline for hotel rooms and legislative meetings is February 14, 2022. Hybrid meeting will also be available.

## NHF Virtual Washington Days March 1st - 2nd

As a member of NHF's State Based Advocacy Coalition, our commitment to access to care has never been stronger. We encourage all our advocates to sign up for Washington Days this year. By now, many of you have heard about Accumulator Adjustment programs and the devastating effects they can have on our community. In the next years, these programs will only get worse! Be sure to join us for NHF's Washington Days so we can head off these barriers and ensure your access to quality care and treatment. Washington Days will take place virtually on March 1-2, 2022. For South Carolina to have the most impact, we need members from each Congressional District to register so we can meet with every Congressman representing South Carolina. The more members we meet with, the greater the impact we will have. If you are unsure what Congressional District you live in, contact the Chapter. Last year, volunteer advocates met with legislators and staff to discuss federal funding for bleeding disorder programs and access to skilled nursing facilities (SNFs). The issues and priorities for 2022 Washington Days will be announced soon. Join BDASC and community members throughout the nation on the hill and make your voice heard! Visit [tinyurl.com/BDASCWD2022](https://tinyurl.com/BDASCWD2022) to register today! Registration closes Friday, February 4, 2022 at 11:59 PM EST.

