

## What are State Advocacy Days?

State Advocacy Days are a focused, two-day event where members of the bleeding disorders community gather at the State House to meet with legislators, share personal stories, and advocate for better access to treatment and care. The event kicks off with a training session the evening prior. The main day of legislative meetings is when advocates engage lawmakers directly to push for policy change. Through these meetings, participants learn advocacy skills, raise awareness of health care barriers, and work to influence state-level legislation affecting life-saving treatments.

**How Do I Participate?** Registration will be available on the BDASC website once the details are secured. After registration, you will be provided opportunities for pre-advocacy days training.

**What Can I Expect?** We start off with an educational dinner the night before advocacy days to learn about the process of meeting with legislators. You will learn directly from experienced advocates how to share your story.

Travel and lodging grants will be provided to advocates participating in State Advocacy Days. All meals and advocacy training sessions are included as part of the program.

If you're new to State Advocacy Days, rest assured that you'll be paired with an experienced advocate and will never attend a meeting alone.

**What Is Expected Of Me?** We greatly appreciate everyone's participation in State Advocacy Days and the time dedicated to supporting our shared mission. To ensure a respectful and productive experience for all, we ask that advocates attend all required trainings and arrive promptly for scheduled meetings. Participants are expected to dress in business casual attire and represent the community with professionalism. When engaging with legislators, please communicate respectfully and refrain from expressing personal political views.

### 2026 Priorities

We will be advocating for our currently House (**H.3934**) & Senate (**S.330**) Bills, as well as promoting awareness of bleeding disorders and requesting continued support for the Hemophilia Assistance Program (**HAP**).



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More information can be found at <https://bda-sc.org/advocacy/state-capitol-days/>