



# UHAP PAC

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **WHAT IS A POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (PAC)?**

The term “political action committee” (PAC) refers to two distinct types of political committees registered with the Federal Election Committee (FEC): separate segregated funds (SSFs) and non-connected committees. Basically, SSFs are political committees established and administered by corporations, labor unions, membership organizations or trade associations. UHAP PAC is a SSF. SSFs can solicit contributions from individuals associated with the connected or sponsoring organization, in accordance with federal regulations.

### **I ALREADY MAKE POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS. WHY SHOULD I GIVE TO UHAP PAC?**

There is an urgent need to establish and maintain our association as a strong, concerned and active political force. Elected officials seldom overlook a large, well-informed constituency. The UHAP PAC serves to provide a regional voice and focused emphasis for Upstate health care. Your support of the UHAP PAC will help ensure the success of our efforts on behalf of Upstate health care providers and will increase our impact by:

- ◆ Supporting legislative candidates that demonstrate a commitment to hospitals in Upstate;
- ◆ Advancing the legislative priorities of Upstate hospitals among NY lawmakers;
- ◆ Providing hospitals with a united voice in policy discussions through an organized, collaborative process;
- ◆ Promoting responsible government by educating policymakers and holding them accountable for their positions on important health care issues.

### **HOW IS UHAP PAC MONEY SPENT?**

UHAP PAC funds are solely used for the purpose of contributing directly to federal and state candidates and other lawful purposes under FEC rules. The PAC is bipartisan and supports candidates whose positions and decisions are consistent with the mission of our industry. Criteria for making contributions and the amount of such contributions include the candidate’s support of the issues important to our membership, the candidate’s committee assignment(s), the candidate’s voting record, the candidate’s district and location, and the candidate’s opponent.

### **DOES OUR PAC MONEY ONLY GO TO CANDIDATES OF ONE PARTY?**

No. We will support candidates of any political party (or no political party) who support our issue agenda when we believe such a contribution would be in our strategic interest.

### **AM I REQUIRED TO CONTRIBUTE TO UHAP PAC?**

No. Contributions to UHAP PAC must be voluntary and will not affect your status with the association. Contributions may not and will not be secured by the use or threat of physical force, job discrimination or financial reprisal.

### **ARE CONTRIBUTIONS TO UHAP PAC TAX-DEDUCTIBLE?**

No. Contributions to UHAP PAC are not deductible for federal income tax purposes.

### **HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE TO UHAP PAC?**

You may contribute to UHAP PAC through personal check or credit card. The law limits contributions to \$5000 annually and the PAC is required to disclose the name and occupations of any contributors who give more than \$200 during a calendar year.

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