



2023 Leadership and Advocacy Conference

Frequently Asked Questions

What's our final Agenda?

The agenda is finalized and can be found [here](#).

How will the looming government shutdown on November 17 affect our Hill visits on November 16?

We may be getting a front row seat to the drama as it unfolds – but hopefully it will be resolved prior to our arrival. If not, we may find that the staffers we meet with are slightly distracted, and our meetings may have a higher likelihood of being shifted around. However, as long as the government is open, our work is their work so we are remaining optimistic.

How will I know what to say to my Congressperson?

We will spend the day prior getting ready for these visits. We have a two-page summary of our position, and we'll also have copies of it for you to “leave behind” with each Congressperson's office, along with UCA's White Paper.

Our lobbyists and the lobbyists of our industry partners will help us refine our speaking parts so they feel natural, and help us know what to listen for, which is equally important this year. By the time you go into your first meeting, you will be armed with materials and ready.

When do I find out which Congresspeople I will be visiting?

If you have not completed your [registration form](#), please do! That form tells us your home district. You will visit with Congresspersons from your home districts, and maybe with some others. We will be juggling schedules until we see you in Washington, so we will hand them out during our time together on November 15.



What do I wear?

For Hill Visits: Congress only has a dress code for its members when they are on the floor, which is described as “business attire”, but Congressional staff wear business attire all the time, so that is what we would like you to wear for your Hill visits. The only specifics are “which for men shall include a coat, tie, and slacks or other long pants.” Wear what you usually wear when you want to be taken seriously as a professional leader. **Caveat:** Be sure you are wearing comfortable walking shoes – there is a lot of walking between the Congressional offices.

For the rest of the time: Business casual is fine. We will be meeting in the McDermott+ offices and you will have time to change for evening events if you like.

How do I get the stipend?

We will have forms for you at/after the meeting to submit for the stipend to cover some of your expenses. **Please understand that you must be staying at the Park Hyatt to receive the stipend** (we have to pay for your room there even if you stay at another hotel – unfortunately that’s the way room blocks work - and we can’t afford to pay twice). **If you are currently booked elsewhere, please move to the Park Hyatt!** The stipend is around \$1200/pp and is meant to fully cover your 2-night hotel stay at the Park Hyatt.

Remember that everything we do not pay out in stipends goes toward advocacy/public relations campaigns. If you/your organization can afford to forgo that stipend, we would appreciate it very much!

For any other questions, please reach out to [Lou Ellen Horwitz](#), Chief Executive Officer, Urgent Care Association