



What is a PAC?

A political action committee (PAC) is a fundraising committee. A PAC pools personal funds from individuals and then donates those funds to candidates chosen by the PAC. The funds are used to support the candidates' primary, general, and special election campaigns. PACs are a basic extension of an individual's right to participate in the political process and support candidates who share objectives consistent with their own.

How Does Nebraska Define a PAC?

A group (of two or more individuals or an organization) that raises, receives, or expends more than \$5,000 in a calendar year for the purpose of supporting or opposing the nomination or election of candidates and/or the qualification, passage, or defeat of ballot questions. See the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission's (NADC) [Publications Page](#) for more information.

Who is NDDSP?

Nebraska Developmental Disabilities Service Providers (NDDSP) is the Political Action Committee (PAC) of the Nebraska Association of Service Providers (NASP).

NASP is the state trade association for home and community-based service (HCBS) providers supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in Nebraska. NASP works to ensure a higher quality of care for people in services and increased job satisfaction for the essential workers employed by NASP member organizations. It is a trusted resource for information and best practices. Our members are valuable contributors to healthier, safer, and more inclusive communities across the state.

The state of Nebraska has a legal obligation to ensure that services are provided to Nebraskans with disabilities in the "most integrated" community-based settings ([Olmstead in Nebraska](#) (disabilityrightsnebraska.org)). HCBS providers partner with the state to provide these essential services. The services are funded via Medicaid. Medicaid reimbursement rates for service providers are determined by the state legislature. Unlike other industries, IDD service providers cannot adjust prices or hours themselves to offset costs to adjust for inflation or remain competitive in the labor market. Provider financial viability is dependent upon the Medicaid reimbursement rates set by the Unicameral. Therefore, it is imperative for NASP to maintain active engagement in state-level politics.

What is the Purpose of NDDSP?

The Nebraska Developmental Disability Service Providers Political Action Committee:

- Amplifies the work HCBS providers are doing to support individuals with IDD.
- Elevates the issues affecting the IDD community and service providers.
- Enables relationship-building with policymakers.
- Strengthens IDD providers' voices before policymakers.
- Recognizes and supports established allies and emerging state senate (Unicameral) champions for IDD services from both parties.

Under NADC guidelines, NDDSP is considered a “separate, segregated political fund.” “Separate segregated political fund” refers to a Nebraska PAC established by a corporation, labor organization, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, industry association, trade association, or professional association.

“Separate, Segregated Political Fund” FAQs

Q. Who may contribute to a separate segregated political fund?

A. Only the employees, officers, directors, stockholders, or members of the fund’s sponsoring organization.

Q. Can a separate segregated political fund hold a fundraising event and solicit contributions from the general public at that event?

A. No.

Q. Can a separate segregated political fund accept contributions from a member of the sponsoring organization if the member is a government entity or is owned by a government entity?

A. No. Public funds may not be used to support or oppose candidates or ballot questions, either directly or through a PAC.

Q. Can a separate segregated political fund accept contributions from a member of the sponsoring organization which is tax-supported but is not owned by a state or local government entity?

A. Yes, as long as public funds are not contributed.

Summary of Key Nebraska PAC Rules:

For detailed rules and regulations: [Microsoft Word - 2016PACGuide27Oct15 FD.docx \(nebraska.gov\)](#)

- All contributions received by a Nebraska PAC fall into one of four classes:
 - Cash contributions are money (currency, checks, money orders, credit card and electronic payments) received by the committee.
 - In-kind contributions are anything of value other than money received by the PAC. Goods and services donated to a Nebraska PAC (such as donated materials for yard signs or donated office space) are considered in-kind contributions.
 - Pledged contributions are promises (oral or written) of future payments (cash or in-kind) to the PAC. A pledged contribution is considered a contribution on the date the pledge is made or promised to the PAC, not when the payment or delivery is actually made.
 - Loans are contributions of money deposited into the campaign bank account that will be repaid by the PAC.
- PACs cannot accept cash donations over \$50.00.
- PACs cannot accept anonymous donations.
- PACs must keep detailed records of all contributions and all expenditures for five years.
- Donors and payees must use their full legal names (no nicknames).
- A separate segregated political fund (such as NDDSP) may only receive **voluntary** contributions from the employees, officers, directors, stockholders, or members of the fund’s sponsoring organization.
- A separate segregated political fund (such as NDDSP) may not receive contributions directly from the fund’s sponsoring organization (such as NASP). EXCEPTION: A sponsoring

organization is allowed to provide or pay for administrative expenses of its own separate segregated political fund.

- There are certain restrictions on disbursements that apply to any Nebraska PAC:
 - A disbursement may not be made without the express authorization of the PAC's treasurer or assistant treasurer.
 - A cash disbursement of more than \$50.00 may not be made in the form of currency. All cash disbursements of more than \$50.00 must be made via written instrument drawn on the PAC's depository account.
 - A check written by the PAC may not be made payable to "CASH", except to replenish the PAC's petty cash fund.
 - A PAC may not make disbursements for lobbying expenses.
- A separate segregated political fund (such as NIDDSP) may only make disbursements for the following items:
 - Disbursements to or in support of Nebraska candidates, candidate committees, ballot question committees, or political party committees.
 - Independent expenditures supporting or opposing Nebraska candidates or ballot questions.
 - Disbursements to candidates in other states and candidates for federal office (subject to the campaign finance laws applicable to the candidate).
 - Administrative expenses of the separate segregated political fund. NOTE: Administrative expenses relate to the continuing operation and management of the separate segregated political fund.
- Printed materials that make reference to a campaign (candidate or ballot question) must contain the name and street address of the person or committee, (e.g. a PAC) paying for the matter.
- Television and radio advertisements must also include the name of the person or committee, (e.g. a PAC) who paid for the ads. However, that person's or committee's street address need not be included in the ad if the station(s) broadcasting the ad will agree to keep the person's or committee's name and street address on file and available to the public for six (6) months after the advertisement is broadcast,
- Certain items that are printed or reproduced at the request of a Nebraska PAC are exempt from the identification requirements. Exempt items include yard signs, bumper stickers, campaign buttons, balloons, T-shirts, billboards, and other items specified in Title 4, Chapter 8 of the Nebraska Administrative Code.

Reporting Requirements of Others

Any corporation, labor organization, industry association, trade association, professional association, limited liability company (LLC), or limited liability partnership (LLP) which is either organized under Nebraska law or does business within the State of Nebraska is subject to reporting requirements for its political contributions and expenditures. If such an organization makes a contribution (cash, in-kind, pledges, or loans) of more than \$250, it must report the contribution on NADC Form B-7 within 10 days after the end of the calendar month in which the contribution occurs. NOTE: NADC Form B-7 may be filed electronically. See the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission's [Publications Page](#) for more information.