

2025 Michigan State Advocacy Day

Who: We need advocates who want their voice to be heard. Advocates who are motivated to make a difference, are passionate about our mission, and are willing to share their personal story.

What: The Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter will be hosting our annual State Advocacy Day. This is an opportunity for volunteers to speak with their State Senator, State Representative, and/or legislative staff about the needs of those living with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia and their families. We are advocating to dedicate more funding to the Dementia and Healthy Brain Unit within the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services along with additional training requirements for First Responders.



When: Tuesday, April 22. 2025

Where: Anderson House Office Building, 124 N. Capitol Ave, Lansing, MI and the State Capitol

How: Advocates will receive training materials and a training video prior to our State Advocacy Day and will be trained during the morning program. Appointments with lawmakers will be scheduled for them. It is important that an advocate who registers attends the event, otherwise, we will have a meeting scheduled with lawmakers, but no constituent to attend the meeting.

Tentative agenda: Coffee and Registration – 9:00 a.m. Event Begins - 9:30 a.m. Legislative Training – 10:00 a.m. Lunch – 11:30 a.m. House and Senate Legislative Meetings – 12:00 p.m. Capitol Event and Awards Presentation in Heritage Hall – 2:30 p.m. Depart Lansing – 3:00 p.m.

Link to register: <u>https://alz-mi.quorum.us/event/20291/</u> Registration will be open until Friday, April 11th.

Other:

- A state ID (driver's license) will be required to enter the House and Senate buildings.
- Attendees will need to walk from the House Office Building to other buildings near the Capitol for legislative meetings. Approximately 3-4 blocks.
- Parking is available in any of the lots/structures on Grand Ave. and Capitol Ave.
- Please contact Matt Phelan, Michigan Public Policy Manager with any questions at <u>mephelan@alz.org</u> or 517-376-4280.
- Legislative meetings are typically 15-30 minutes long. The meetings are scheduled by Alzheimer's Association staff. We will try to have multiple volunteers in each meeting.