

# Fighting for Access, Affordability, and Representation

The Chronic Disease Coalition is committed to ensuring the patient voice is heard in statehouses across the nation. Through leadership in advocacy, strategic support for our allies, and patient education and empowerment, we will continue to advance solutions for the chronic disease community, focusing on these key issues in 2023. Our comprehensive policy platform is developed annually in collaboration with our members and advocates.



## EXPANDING ACCESS TO TREATMENT

We will fight **step therapy, nonmedical switching, and prior authorization** requirements across the country, so the choice of treatment stays between patients and doctors.

We will work to remove barriers to entering the **health care workforce**, ensuring that patients have access to a diverse, qualified network of providers.



## EXPANDING ACCESS TO CARE

We will work to expand **Medigap coverage** and fight for a federal fix that covers all Americans.

We will support the expansion of **telehealth services** that improve access to care and provide fair provider payment.

We will support **living donor** protections.

We will shine a light on the access and treatment issues of patients who are managing their **mental health**.



## INCREASING AFFORDABILITY

Until insurers make treatments consistently accessible and affordable for chronic disease patients, we will support **third-party assistance**, and oppose harmful **copay accumulator programs**.

We will amplify voices calling for additional oversight of **pharmacy benefit managers**, to ensure patients get every discount possible.



## INCREASING REPRESENTATION

We will work to establish and support effective **rare disease advisory councils** and chronic **kidney disease task forces**.

We will support efforts to illuminate how issues such as basic nutrition and housing can improve individual and community **health outcomes** and improve **health equity**.

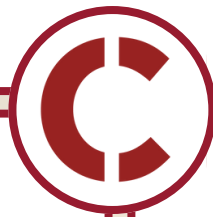
# ***JOIN THE FIGHT FOR PATIENT RIGHTS***

## ***Who We Are***

The Chronic Disease Coalition is dedicated to advocating for patients on key policy issues, and empowering patients with the knowledge, skills and platforms that they need to advocate for themselves.

The coalition was founded in 2015 and has since worked to advocate for people living with long-term or lifelong health conditions such as diabetes, kidney disease, MS, psoriasis, cancer and other chronic diseases.

We support patients, family members, health care providers, advocacy groups, medical professionals and friends who care deeply about the needs of millions of Americans with chronic diseases.



## ***What We Do***

With more than 10,000 members across the country and a highly active ambassador program, the Chronic Disease Coalition is one of the United States' leading patient rights advocacy groups.

We help connect patients with the issues that impact them to ensure their voices are being heard at the state and federal level.

## ***How We Do It***

The Coalition focuses on education, involvement and activation of chronic disease patients on key health care issues.

We bring the patient voice to the heart of the policymaking process by employing a variety of education and advocacy tactics including in-person and online testimony opportunities, letter writing campaigns, a robust ambassador program and legislator relationship development.

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