

# 2022 POLICY PLATFORM

The Chronic Disease Coalition is committed to ensuring patients are heard in statehouses across the nation. Through leadership in advocacy, strategic support for our allies, and patient education and empowerment, we will continue to find solutions for the chronic disease community, focusing on these key issues in 2022:

## **BE THE VOICE**

We will support efforts to address harmful **step therapy** and **prior authorization** requirements across the country, so that chronic disease patients receive the treatment prescribed by their doctor when it is prescribed.

We will work to expand **Medigap coverage** in individual states, ensuring all chronic disease patients have access to this critical coverage, and fight for a federal fix that covers all Americans.

We will support the expansion of **telehealth services** that both improve patients' access to care and provide fair payment for providers.

## **LEND OUR VOICE**

We will support efforts to protect third-party assistance for chronic disease patients, including **charitable premium assistance**, and the elimination of harmful **copay accumulator programs**.

We will work to establish and support effective **chronic kidney and rare disease task forces** that ensure the patient perspective is represented.

We will increase awareness of **public health** issues impacting chronic disease patients and promote **health equity** at every opportunity.

## **RAISE THE VOICE**

We will amplify the voices that are calling out harmful **nonmedical switching** processes that create uncertainty and extra costs for chronic disease patients based on forces outside their control.

We will empower patients to advocate for **affordable access** to needed medical treatments, including established and innovative prescription drugs. Lawmakers and regulators should be informed by direct patient experiences.

## **HEAR THE VOICE**

We will listen to and amplify patients who have experienced **discrimination** in the workplace, at school and in daily life so we can better inform policy conversations throughout the country.

# 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.



## **Interested in learning more?**

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