



## **Federal Policy Priorities – 2024**

- 1. Medicare Coverage of Seat Elevation and Standing Systems in Power Wheelchairs**
  - a. Continue Supporting National Coverage Determination for Seat Elevation Coverage through Coding and Payment Consideration
  - b. Seek Immediate Opening of National Coverage Analysis for Standing Systems in Power CRT Wheelchairs
  - c. Engage with Congress and CMS to Press for Advancement in these Areas
  
- 2. Complex Rehabilitation Technology (CRT) and Wheeled Mobility**
  - a. Improve Access to Timely Service and Repairs of Wheelchairs
  - b. Improve Access to Titanium and Carbon Fiber Wheelchairs through coding reforms
    - i. Engage with Congress to Support and Pass H.R. 5371, the Choices for Increased Mobility Act of 2023, which would improve access to these wheelchairs
  - c. Develop Congressional Advocacy and Communications Strategy on Revision of “In the Home” Requirements under the DME Medicare benefit
  
- 3. Medicare Coverage of Vision Benefits**
  - a. Continue with Initiative to Improve Vision Care in Medicare through Coverage of Low Vision Aids as DME and coverage of related services
  
- 4. DMEPOS Coverage and Access Issues**
  - a. Support Intermittent Catheter Coding Reform
  - b. Remove Inappropriate Coverage Restrictions for Intermittent Catheters
  - c. Monitor Patient Access to Oxygen Equipment
  - d. Support Implementation of Legislation Expanding Patient Access to Disposable Negative Pressure Wound Therapy
  - e. Advocate to Prevent Further Expansion of Competitive Bidding to Ventilators and Orthoses other than Truly Off-the-Shelf (OTS) Orthoses
  - f. Monitor and Advocate as Appropriate for Increased Transparency and Oversight in Medicare Advantage Plan’s Coverage Restrictions for DMEPOS, Including for Non-Invasive Ventilators and Step Therapy
  - g. Monitor Implementation of Blended Payment Rates to Protect Patient Access to DMEPOS in Rural and Non-Competitive Bidding Areas
  - h. Monitor and Respond as Appropriate to Issues Around State Medicaid Coverage of Seizure Detection Devices
  
- 5. Orthotics & Prosthetics (O&P) Issues**
  - a. Support New Medicare Coverage Proposal for MPK knees for K2 Amputees
  - b. Urge CMS to Re-Examine and Implement BIPA Section 427, including Exemptions for Certain Professionals Providing Custom O&P Care

- c. Engage with Congress to Support and Pass H.R. 4315, the Medicare O&P Patient-Centered Care Act
  - d. Support Implementation of Medicare Coverage for Exoskeleton Technology
  - e. Support and Help Pass H.R. 6373, the Veterans STAND Act
  - f. Monitor and Support Efforts to Increase Access to Osseointegration Technology
- 6. Improving Coverage of Cochlear Implants (CI) for People with Hearing Loss**
- a. Support National Coverage Determination (NCD) request for coverage of cochlear implants for single-sided deafness (SSD).
  - b. Advance Medicaid Coverage of Processors for Cochlear Implants as well as Coverage Policies that Advance Access to CI and Accessories/Supplies
- 7. Accessible Medical Diagnostic Equipment**
- a. Continue Support for Enforceable Standards for Accessible Medical Equipment, Especially Diagnostic Equipment
    - i. Engage with Departments of Justice, Health and Human Services, and Others as Necessary to Complete Rulemaking
  - b. Expand Availability and Adoption of Accessible Medical Information and Communication Technology in All Health Care Settings for Individuals with Disabilities
- 8. Medicare Coverage for New and Emerging Technologies**
- a. Monitor and Respond to Final Regulation Defining Transitional Coverage for Emerging Technologies (TCET)
  - b. Engage with Congress to Support and Pass H.R. 1691, the Ensuring Patient Access to Critical Breakthrough Products Act
- 9. Affordable Care Act and Non-discrimination Issues**
- a. Defend Essential Health Benefits, Particularly the Rehabilitation and Habilitation Devices Benefit Category, as well as Insurance Provisions
  - b. Monitor and Respond as Appropriate to Final Rules on Updating Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
  - c. Monitor and Respond as Appropriate to Section 1557 Final Rule.