

# CDC POLICY PLATFORM

With nearly half of Americans living with a chronic condition, the policies that enable them to thrive are many. By articulating our shared values in statehouses across the country, we send a strong signal to all legislators, advocates, partners, and stakeholders: we will work with anyone to improve outcomes for chronic disease patients.

In 2024, we are focused on issues that fit within our values of access, affordability and representation.

## ACCESS

The Chronic Disease Coalition advocates for expanded access to comprehensive care and treatment options, ensuring that individuals facing long-term health challenges receive the support and resources they need, when they need it.

- Step therapy reform
- Non-medical switching
- Prior authorization reform
- Living donor protections
- Medigap
- Healthcare workforce support, and more.

## AFFORDABILITY

The Chronic Disease Coalition advocates to reduce the cost of healthcare for patients managing rare and common chronic conditions. Our work to dismantle financial barriers to healthcare will continue until American families no longer have to choose between paying rent and paying for treatment.

- Copay accumulator bans
- Protecting third-party assistance
- Oversight of pharmacy benefit managers
- Addressing alternative funding programs, and more.

## REPRESENTATION

The Chronic Disease Coalition advocates to increase patient representation in the regulatory and legislative process. We work to establish patient-inclusive advisory councils and task forces with the goal of improving community health outcomes.

- Rare disease advisory councils
- Chronic kidney disease task forces
- Health equity
- Social determinants of health (nutrition, housing, etc.) and more.

# JOIN THE FIGHT FOR PATIENTS' 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.