

## 2017 Federal Legislative & Regulatory Priorities

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### Federal Priorities

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#### Federal Funding for Diabetes Research and Programs

- Increase funding, and promote policies to further diabetes research and programs, at the National Institutes of Health's *National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases* and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Division of Diabetes Translation*.
- Funding for the Special Diabetes Program for type 1 research and programs in American Indian/Alaska Native communities.
- Funding for the National Diabetes Prevention Program to support community-based programs to prevent type 2 diabetes.
- Seek innovative ways to increase overall federal funding dedicated to diabetes research and programs.

#### Health Insurance and Affordability

- Ensure public and private health insurance options, including those under the Affordable Care Act, Medicare, Children's Health Insurance Program, and Medicaid, provide affordable access to the physical and mental health services, medications, devices, technology, and education necessary to meet the needs of people with diabetes and prediabetes.
- Advocate for improved delivery of care through system reforms that lead to high quality, affordable, effective, efficient, and collaborative care for people with diabetes.

#### Prevention

- Prevention of type 2 diabetes for individuals with prediabetes and in the general population, including efforts to reduce obesity and improve nutrition and physical activity.
- Promote regulatory pathway for discoveries that could prevent type 1 diabetes.

#### Discrimination

- Ensure fair treatment of people with diabetes, focusing on employment.

#### Health Disparities

- Specific initiatives to reduce the disparate impact of diabetes in minority communities.

#### Advancing Medications and Devices

- Provide scientific expertise on the need for improved means to treat and monitor diabetes and prediabetes with focus on ensuring medically sound criteria for evaluation, patient reported outcomes, and establishing needed regulatory pathways.

#### Federal Coordination on Diabetes

- Support efforts to coordinate quality diabetes care across all federal agencies engaged in the care and management of diabetes.

## 2017 State Legislative & Regulatory Priorities

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### State Priorities

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#### Health Insurance and Affordability

- Ensure public and private health insurance options, including those under the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid, provide affordable access to the physical and mental health services, medications, devices technology, and education necessary to meet the needs of people with diabetes and prediabetes.
- Oppose efforts to repeal or create loopholes in laws in 46 states and the District of Columbia mandating diabetes coverage in state-regulated insurance plans.

#### Discrimination

- **Safe at School:** Ensure students with diabetes are medically safe and have access to the same educational opportunities as peers without diabetes. Legislation and regulation focus on:
  - Permitting students who are able to do so to self-manage their disease.
  - Making sure trained school personnel are available to perform routine and emergency diabetes care tasks.
- **Law Enforcement:** Support efforts to train law enforcement officers about diabetes.
- **Driver's Licenses:** Ensure laws and policies for private and commercial licenses result in fair treatment of people with diabetes.

#### Health Disparities

- Specific initiatives to reduce the disparate impact of diabetes in minority communities.

#### Prevention

- Primary prevention of type 2 diabetes for individuals with prediabetes and in the general population, including efforts to reduce obesity and improve nutrition and physical activity.

#### Diabetes Programs and Surveillance

- Funding for Diabetes Prevention and Control Programs and other diabetes public health programs.

#### State Coordination on Diabetes

- Initiatives to assess the burden of diabetes and to develop and implement policy recommendations.

#### Diabetes Research

- Support funding for diabetes research.
- Oppose efforts to limit research opportunities.