

2014 Legislative and Regulatory Priorities

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Federal Priorities

Federal Funding for Diabetes Research and Programs

- Increase funding for 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*.
- Reauthorization of Special Diabetes Programs for type 1 research and programs in Native American/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 the overall federal funding dedicated to diabetes research and prevention.

Health Insurance

- Ensure public and private health insurance options, including those under the Affordable Care Act, Medicare, and Medicaid, provide access to the services, tools and education necessary to meet the needs of people with diabetes and prediabetes.

Prevention

- Primary prevention of type 1, type 2 and gestational diabetes.

Discrimination

- Oppose laws and policies resulting in unfair treatment of people with diabetes, focusing on employment.

Health Disparities

- Laws and policies specifically focused on reducing the disparate impact of diabetes on minority communities.

Research and Surveillance

- Expansion of screening, diagnosis, data collection and treatment of women with gestational diabetes and their children.

Bills Related to Complications and Comorbidities of Diabetes

Bills Advancing Federal Coordination on Diabetes

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State Priorities

Health Insurance

- Ensure public and private health insurance options, including those under the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid, provide access to the services, tools and education necessary to meet the needs of people with diabetes and prediabetes.
- Diabetes Cost Reduction Acts – 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.
- Driver's Licenses – Oppose laws and policies resulting in unfair treatment of people with diabetes.

Prevention

- Primary prevention of type 2 diabetes.

Diabetes Programs and Surveillance

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

Bills Advancing State Coordination on Diabetes

Bills Related to Complications and Comorbidities of Diabetes