



*Independence Through
Enhancement of
Medicare and Medicaid*
COALITION

ITEM COALITION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

The ITEM Coalition (Independence Through Enhancement of Medicare and Medicaid) is a consumer-led coalition of national and state-based consumer and provider non-profit organizations interested in maintaining and improving access to and coverage of assistive devices, technologies and related services for Americans of all ages with disabilities and chronic health conditions.

We invite your organization to complete the following ITEM Coalition membership application. **Please note that the Coalition's steering committee reviews all applications for membership and will contact you upon making a determination of whether your organization qualifies.**

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION:

Organization

Address

Organization's Phone

Website

Contact Individual/s

Individual's Phone

Email

Please briefly describe your organization's mission and efforts.

Is your organization non-profit or for-profit?

Non-profit

For-profit

Please note that only non-profit organizations will be eligible for membership in the ITEM Coalition.

Does your organization represent individual consumers, non-profit entities or for-profit entities?

Individual consumers

Non-profit entities (describe)

For-profit entities (describe)

Other

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MEMBERSHIP:

- Yes, we would like to join the ITEM Coalition and sign off on the ITEM Coalition Principles
- Our organization is interested in receiving information about the Coalition activities and meetings but cannot join as a member.
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PRINCIPLES OF THE ITEM COALITION

- Medicare, Medicaid, and other public programs and private plans must enhance their coverage policies to provide those assistive devices, technologies, and related services that Americans need to be healthy, functional, and independent.
 - The ITEM Coalition will raise awareness and advocate solely for greater access to and coverage of assistive devices, technologies, and related services for people with disabilities and chronic conditions of all ages, including children and older Americans.
 - Consumers will lead the Coalition and advocacy efforts will rely on the use of personal stories to highlight the importance of access to assistive devices, technologies, and related services in people's lives.
 - The Coalition will promote a broad-based assistive device benefit that helps as many users of assistive devices, technologies, and related services as possible.
 - Membership in the ITEM Coalition will be open to all consumer and non-profit provider organizations without any requirement to contribute financially.
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Please provide forward this form via email to sara.rosta@ppsv.com, via mail to ITEM Coalition, 1501 M St. NW 7th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, or via fax to 202-785-1756.