



FEDERAL POLICY PRIORITIES - 2018

1. Complex Rehabilitation Technology (CRT)
 - a. Advocate for new CRT benefit category
 - b. Exempt manual CRT wheelchair components from competitive bidding
2. Competitive Bidding & Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
 - a. Reform of competitive bidding process
 - b. Prevention of expansion of competitive bidding
 - c. Extension of 50/50 phase in of competitively bid DMEPOS
 - d. Limit patient impact of 21st Century Cures Medicaid cap
3. Expand Medicare coverage of mobility technology
 - a. Seat elevation in power wheelchairs
 - b. Standing feature wheelchairs
4. Titanium and related wheelchair issues caused by elimination of K-0009 coding
 - a. Address coding problems and seek to preserve patient access
5. Support Steve Gleason Act Reauthorization on speech generation devices (SGDs)
6. Enhance access the quality of orthotics and prosthetics
 - a. Respond to Interagency Work Group on Lower Limb Prosthetics when report is released and ensure LCD does not restrict access to modern technology
 - b. Urge CMS to re-examine and implement BIPA, Section 427, including exemptions for certain professionals providing custom O&P care
 - c. Support coverage of powered hand orthoses (e.g. Myomo)
7. Improve local coverage determination (LCD) transparency, accountability, and due process
8. Defend access to rehabilitation and habilitation devices benefit category as the national standard for coverage in private insurance
9. Reform process of Level II HCPCS coding to ensure accountability, transparency, and access
10. Improve access and timeliness of DME repairs under Medicare and Medicaid
11. Support robust Medicaid and Veterans Administration coverage of cochlear implants (CI), including processors and related replacement components
12. Support legislation for Medicare coverage of low-vision aids (H.R. 2050)

Monitor & Support

1. Access to Oxygen Therapy in Rural Areas
2. Implementation of Prior Authorization for DMEPOS