



## TOP FEDERAL POLICY PRIORITIES - 2019

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. Prevent expansion of competitive bidding to additional items
  - b. Extension and expansion of 50/50 phase-in of competitively bid DMEPOS
3. Medicare Coverage of Seat Elevation and Standing Feature in Power Wheelchair
  - a. Continue working with CMS on Coverage Issues and, if necessary, engage Congress to legislate in this area.
4. Access to Complex Manual Wheelchairs
  - a. Address Coding Problems and Seek to Preserve Access to Titanium, Bariatric, and Positional Tilt Wheelchairs (Formerly HCPCS K0009)
5. Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs)
  - a. Continue to Support Greater Transparency and Accountability in LCD Process through legislation
6. Affordable Care Act
  - a. Defend Essential Health Benefits, particularly Rehabilitation and Habilitation Devices Benefit Category, as well as Insurance Protections
7. Orthotics & Prosthetics Issues
  - a. Urge CMS to Re-Examine and Implement BIPA, Section 427, including exemptions for certain professionals providing custom O&P care
  - b. Support off-the-shelf (OTS) orthotics legislation to preserve access to clinical orthotic services
  - c. Support efforts to secure coding, coverage and payment for powered orthoses and prostheses
8. Reform HCPCS Coding System
  - a. Continue work to improve the coding process and engage NIDILRR as a broker in discussions with CMS
9. Advance Medicaid Coverage of Processors for Cochlear Implants
10. Focus on Functional Outcomes in Alternative Payment Models and Other Payment Systems

### **Monitor & Support**

1. Access to Oxygen Therapy in Rural Areas
2. CMS Coverage for Low-Vision Aids
3. Improve Access to Timely Repairs of DMEPOS