Federal Policy Priorities – 2022

1. Medicare Coverage of Seat Elevation and Standing Systems in Power Wheelchairs
   a. Continue Supporting National Coverage Determination Request for Reconsideration through CMS Review Process
   b. Engage with Congress to Support Coverage of These Systems

2. Medicare Coverage of Vision Benefits
   a. Continue with Initiative to Improve Vision Care in Medicare through Coverage of Low Vision Aids as DME

3. Complex Rehabilitation Technology (CRT)
   a. Advocate for Legislation to Create a Separate CRT Benefit Category.
   b. Develop Advocacy and Communications Strategy on Revision of “In the Home” Requirements
   c. Addressing Coding Problems and Seek to Preserve Access to Titanium, Bariatric, and Positional Tilt Wheelchairs

4. Accessible Medical Equipment
   a. Expand Adoption of Enforceable Standards for Accessible Medical Equipment, Especially Diagnostic Equipment
   b. Engage with Departments of Justice, Health and Human Services, and Others as Necessary to Secure Rulemaking
   c. Expand Availability and Adoption of Accessible Medical Information and Communication Technology in All Health Care Settings for Individuals with Disabilities

5. Medicare Coverage of Innovative Technology
   a. Monitor and Comment on Regulations Defining Transitional Coverage for Emerging Technologies
   b. Support Legislative Efforts to Codify Transitional Coverage for Emerging Technologies/Medicare Coverage of Innovative Technologies Pathways
   c. Monitor and Comment on Regulations Implementing Definition of “Reasonable and Necessary” for Purposes of Medicare Coverage, Especially Consideration of Private Insurance Policies

6. DMEPOS Issues
   a. Monitor Patient Access to Oxygen Equipment
   b. Advocate for Patient Access to Disposable Negative Pressure Wound Therapy through Legislative and Regulatory Action
   c. Protect Against Coverage Restrictions for Intermittent Catheters
   d. Improve Access to Timely Repairs of DMEPOS
e. Advocate to Prevent Further Expansion of Competitive Bidding to Ventilators and Orthoses other than Truly Off-the-Shelf (OTS) Orthoses
f. Monitor Implementation of Blended Payment Rates to Protect Patient Access to DMEPOS in Rural and Non-Competitive Bidding Areas

7. Orthotics & Prosthetics (O&P) Issues
   a. Urge CMS to Re-Examine and Implement BIPA Section 427, including Exemptions for Certain Professionals Providing Custom O&P Care
   b. Support OTS Orthotics Legislation to Preserve Access to Clinical Orthotic Services (Medicare O&P Patient-Centered Care Act)

8. Reform HCPCS Coding System
   a. Continue Working to Improve the Coding, Coverage, and Payment Process for DMEPOS
   b. Work to Ensure Benefit Category and Payment Determination Processes are Fair, Transparent, and Accountable

9. Affordable Care Act

10. Medicaid Coverage of Cochlear Implants (CI)
    a. Advance Medicaid Coverage of Processors for Cochlear Implants as well as Coverage Policies that Advance Access to CI and Accessories/Supplies

11. Promote Consideration of Patient Experience and Functional Outcomes in CMS Coverage and Payment Determinations

Monitor & Support

1. “Triple A” Study Act
   a. Monitor Reintroduction of Access to Assistive Devices and Technology for Americans Study Act and Support Passage in 117th Congress

2. Over-the-Counter Hearing Devices
   a. Monitor Development of FDA Regulations Governing Over-the-Counter (OTC) Hearing Aids

3. Telehealth Expansion
   a. Monitor Expansion of Telehealth by Federal Payers for Potential Patient Access Concerns