Federal Policy Priorities – 2023

1. **Medicare Coverage of Seat Elevation and Standing Systems in Power Wheelchairs**
   a. Continue Supporting National Coverage Determination Request for Seat Elevation Systems through CMS Review Process
   b. Seek Timely Opening of National Coverage Analysis for Standing Systems
   c. Engage with Congress and CMS to Support Coverage of These Systems
   d. Address Necessary Subsequent Coding & Payment Determinations for These Systems as CMS Advances Coverage

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. Develop Advocacy and Communications Strategy on Revision of “In the Home” Requirements
   b. 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 for New and Emerging Technologies**
   a. Monitor and Comment on Regulations Defining Transitional Coverage for Emerging Technologies (TCET)
   b. Monitor and Comment on Regulations Implementing Definition of “Reasonable and Necessary” for Purposes of Medicare Coverage, Especially Consideration of Private Insurance Policies
   c. Support Development of Medicare Coverage for Exoskeleton Technology

6. **DMEPOS Coverage and Access Issues**
   a. Protect Against Coverage Restrictions for Intermittent Catheters
   b. Improve Access to Timely Service and Repairs of DMEPOS
   c. Monitor Patient Access to Oxygen Equipment
d. Support Implementation of Legislation Expanding Patient Access to Disposable Negative Pressure Wound Therapy  

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. Work with O&P Community to Advance Coverage of O&P Care

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 Benefits  

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