Federal Policy Priorities – 2024

1. Medicare Coverage of Seat Elevation and Standing Systems in Power Wheelchairs
   a. Continue Supporting National Coverage Determination for Seat Elevation Coverage through Coding and Payment Consideration
   b. Seek Immediate Opening of National Coverage Analysis for Standing Systems in Power CRT Wheelchairs
   c. Engage with Congress and CMS to Press for Advancement in these Areas

2. Complex Rehabilitation Technology (CRT) and Wheeled Mobility
   a. Improve Access to Timely Service and Repairs of Wheelchairs
   b. Improve Access to Titanium and Carbon Fiber Wheelchairs through coding reforms
      i. Engage with Congress to Support and Pass H.R. 5371, the Choices for Increased Mobility Act of 2023, which would improve access to these wheelchairs
   c. Develop Congressional Advocacy and Communications Strategy on Revision of “In the Home” Requirements under the DME Medicare benefit

3. Medicare Coverage of Vision Benefits
   a. Continue with Initiative to Improve Vision Care in Medicare through Coverage of Low Vision Aids as DME and coverage of related services

4. DMEPOS Coverage and Access Issues
   a. Support Intermittent Catheter Coding Reform
   b. Remove Inappropriate Coverage Restrictions for Intermittent Catheters
   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 and Advocate as Appropriate for Increased Transparency and Oversight in Medicare Advantage Plan’s Coverage Restrictions for DMEPOS, Including for Non-Invasive Ventilators and Step Therapy
   g. Monitor Implementation of Blended Payment Rates to Protect Patient Access to DMEPOS in Rural and Non-Competitive Bidding Areas
   h. Monitor and Respond as Appropriate to Issues Around State Medicaid Coverage of Seizure Detection Devices

5. Orthotics & Prosthetics (O&P) Issues
   a. Support New Medicare Coverage Proposal for MPK knees for K2 Amputees
   b. Urge CMS to Re-Examine and Implement BIPA Section 427, including Exemptions for Certain Professionals Providing Custom O&P Care
c. Engage with Congress to Support and Pass H.R. 4315, the Medicare O&P Patient-Centered Care Act
d. Support Implementation of Medicare Coverage for Exoskeleton Technology
e. Support and Help Pass H.R. 6373, the Veterans STAND Act
f. Monitor and Support Efforts to Increase Access to Osseointegration Technology

6. Improving Coverage of Cochlear Implants (CI) for People with Hearing Loss
   a. Support National Coverage Determination (NCD) request for coverage of cochlear implants for single-sided deafness (SSD).
   b. Advance Medicaid Coverage of Processors for Cochlear Implants as well as Coverage Policies that Advance Access to CI and Accessories/Supplies

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

8. Medicare Coverage for New and Emerging Technologies
   a. Monitor and Respond to Final Regulation Defining Transitional Coverage for Emerging Technologies (TCET)
   b. Engage with Congress to Support and Pass H.R. 1691, the Ensuring Patient Access to Critical Breakthrough Products Act

9. Affordable Care Act and Non-discrimination Issues
   c. Monitor and Respond as Appropriate to Section 1557 Final Rule.