



CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES

Health Task Force 2017 Report

2017 Summary

The CCD Health Task Force works on issues encompassed in the very broad term “health”. Specific emphasis is placed on private health insurance and public programs including Medicaid, Medicare and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In 2017, our work was dominated by defending the Medicaid program and opposing the repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Working closely with the CCD Long Term Services and Supports Task Force and CCD as a whole, we were active on many fronts to preserve access to health care and prevent devastating cuts and caps to Medicaid. Specific activities include:

- Sending numerous sign on letters to Congress opposing the various proposals to repeal the ACA and cut and cap the Medicaid program;
- Meeting with targeted House and Senate members, often multiple times;
- Maintaining regular communication with Hill allies on developments and strategy;
- Developing educational materials analyzing the impact of specific legislative proposals;
- Providing statements to the press and general public in response to developments during the legislative process;
- Sponsoring call in days, rallies, briefings, and other efforts to educate and motivate our membership and grassroots; and
- Developing action alerts, social media kits and other tools to assist advocates.

A complete list of our letters, press releases, action alerts, and other materials relating to this campaign can be found on the CCD website.

The CCD Health Task Force continues its work on implementation of the ACA. The task force responded to the following issues:

- Provided comments on the 2019 Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters urging full implementation of the essential benefits provisions;
- Developed ACA open enrollment materials to share with task force members; and
- Provided comments on the HHS request for information on health care.

2018 Activities

The CCD Health Task Force will continue to work on the following issues:

- Opposing Congressional ACA repeal and replace efforts;

- Protecting Medicaid, Medicare, CHIP from efforts to cut, cap or otherwise restructure the programs resulting in decreased access to health care or quality services;
- Following the lead of the Rights task force, monitor implementation of the wellness rule;
- Monitor state and federal policies on Medicaid waivers; and
- Respond to ACA implementation issues.

Health Task Force Co-Chairs

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Health Task Force Details

Meeting Time: 10:30-12pm, the third Friday of every month
Meeting Place: Powers Pyles Sutter & Verville, Seventh Floor, 1501 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20005